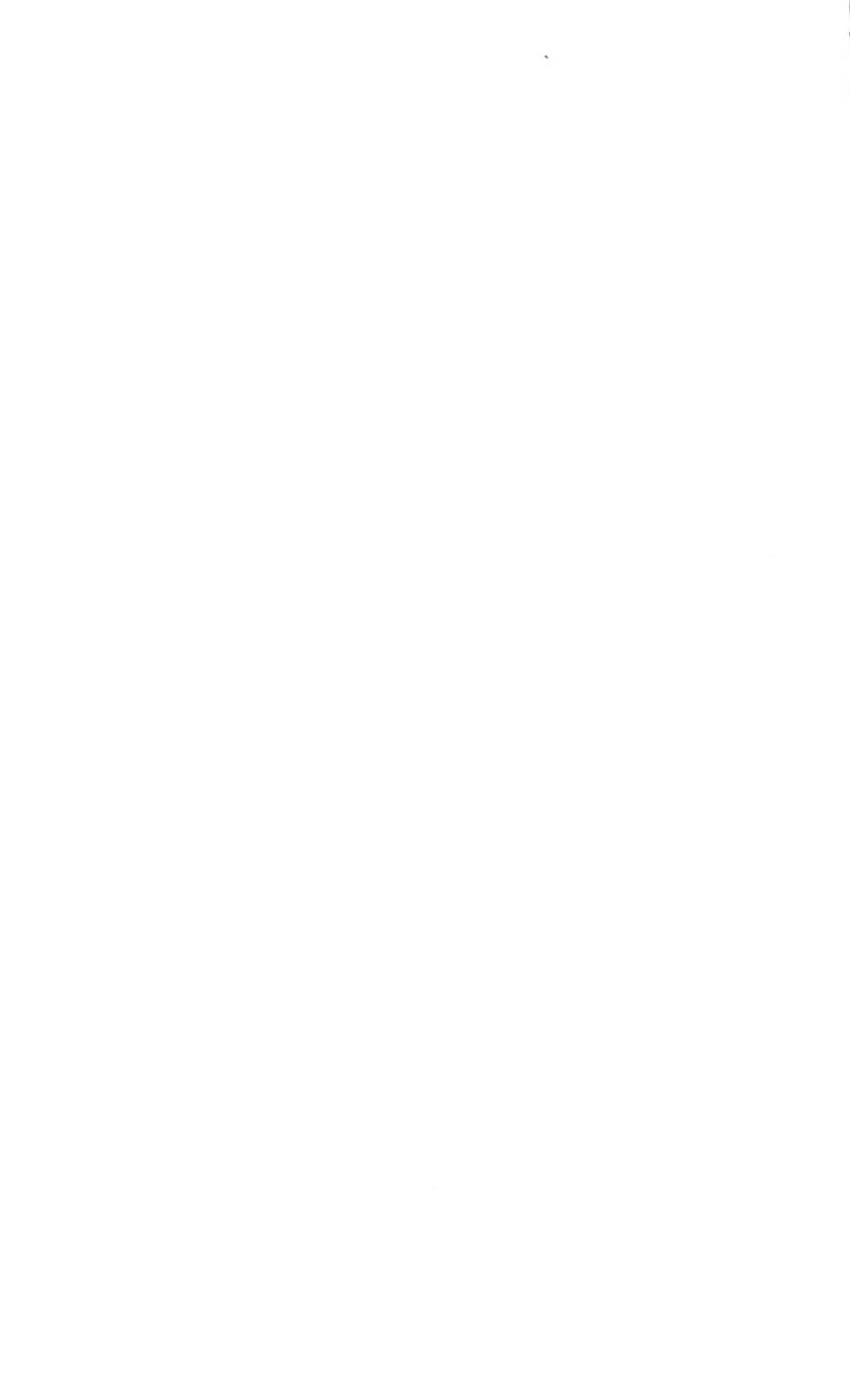


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CHEMAR'S SEEDS PLANTS AND TUBERS For Better Gardens



The Best by Test From East and West

1928

CHEMAR DAHLIA GARDENS
192 School Street
Oyster Bay, L. I., New York

ANNOUNCEMENT

New varieties to go on the market for 1929. Look them up at the following Trial Grounds:

Storr's, Conn., New Brunswick, N. J.,
Mitchell, Nebraska.

Northwest Trial Grounds, Bronx Park

Mrs. Susie L. Seal, San Francisco

Hayes Dahlia Gardens, Los Angeles

Sagamore Gardens, Everett, Mass.

Visit our Trial Gardens and see them grow. We also expect to show them at the American Dahlia Society's show in New York City, and many other shows.

JOIN THE AMERICAN



DAHLIA SOCIETY

This Society is a valuable guide and inspiration to its members and we are proud of our membership. The bulletins are issued quarterly and are chuck full of information about the Dahlia. To be a member is a pleasure, also an investment, as the bulletins are worth many times the dues, which are only \$2.00. Join now. You may send same to us and we will forward same to Secretary and send you one Tuber valued at \$1.00 for each membership.

From The Cheapest Thats Good to Best That Grows

Describning the Best-By-Test from East
and West of the latest Novelties and
Standard Varieties of all the Different
Types and Colors of These Flowers.

*When Better Varieties Can Be Grown
We Will Grow Them*

Member of

American Dahlia Society
Southern California Dahlia Society
Dahlia Society of New England
Horticultural Society of Oyster Bay
Dahlia Society of New Jersey
National Commercial Dahlia Growers' Association

Catalogue and Price List
For 1928

CHEMAR DAHLIA GARDENS
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A DAHLIA CHAT

This catalogue describes most of the best Dahlias in cultivation today.

Dahlias with weak stems and hanging heads have no place in our gardens or catalogue. We are confident that this list presents the best Dahlias, Seed and Gladiolas on the market. In this belief, we submit them to the most discriminating Dahlia experts.

A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There is no secret about the growing of wonderful Dahlias. It does not require or call for expert knowledge. You can grow them in the smallest garden. All that is necessary for you to do is to grow the varieties that are the acknowledged leaders, securing them from reliable growers. Start this Spring by discarding your inferior stock. Secure a few of the best varieties and you will never regret it. By purchasing a few extra good ones each year you will, in a short time, have a good collection.

Good Dahlias are not all high priced. If you are not familiar with the best leave selection to us. Tell us what varieties you have, the amount you wish to spend and if for exhibition or garden.

\$100.00 IN PRIZES.

To encourage the growing and exhibiting of Dahlias from Seeds, Bulbs and Plants, we are offering the following prizes at the Annual Show of the American Dahlia Society, held in New York City:

\$20.00 for Best Collection of Seedlings, grown from our seed.

Gold Medal for Best Decorative, grown from our seed.

Silver Medal for Best Hybrid Cactus, grown from our seed.

\$20.00 for Best Vase of 5 Blooms of Chemar's Purity.

\$20.00 for Best Vase of 5 Blooms of Chemar's Master-piece.

\$20.00 for Best Name for 2406.

We are offering similar prizes in Tubers, Seed and Plant orders of goods listed in our catalogue, to be offered at any organized show. Have your Secretary write us, stating number of members, date of show, etc.

In presenting our annual catalogue, we wish to take this occasion to thank all those who have favored us with their patronage and to assure them that we highly value it and hope for its continuance. We try to give entire satisfaction to every customer and stand back of every tuber or plant that we send out, because we realize that no business can be successful unless its patrons are satisfied customers. We aim to grow only the best introductions discarding all others after giving them the test of our own trial gardens. From these best introductions we grow stock which is healthy and properly developed.

It has been a pleasure to read the many letters we have received, telling of the success of our customers with our Dahlias, in the various local shows where they have exhibited.

Mistakes—Like all human beings, we are apt to make mistakes, and if an error occurs, we will consider it a favor to be notified at once so that we can rectify the oversight.

If you have a complaint, tell us first. In the rush of Spring business, mistakes happen, but if so, tell us pleasantly about it and be assured of courteous treatment.

Order Early.—To give entire satisfaction, let us suggest early ordering. The stock of choice varieties is often limited, and cheaper varieties are in great demand.

No changes or substitutes are made in any orders unless requested to do so.

If you do not find the variety you want in this list let us quote you.

New Varieties are being tested annually and only the very best are added to the list.

Guarantee.—While every care is exercised at digging, planting and packing that none should be mixed, no guarantee is given, other than to replace any stock that may prove not true to name. All prices and quotations are subject to stock being unsold.

All orders from unknown parties must be accompanied by remittance or reserve orders must be covered by 25 per cent. of the amount of the order.

All prices in this list are for bulbs or plants prepaid to your address.

Forwarding—We ship tubers at the planting time unless otherwise requested.

TRIAL GARDENS

We are located in one of the wealthiest sections in this country. Surrounded by large private estates—all Dahlia lovers. Our garden is visited annually, during blooming season, by Dahlia fans from all parts of the country.

If you have any new variety that is exceptionally good and you would like to have us grow it on trial, we will give it a prominent place in our show gardens, place a sign on stake bearing your name and address, show blooms in all local shows and do everything possible to promote its sale. We will return all clumps to you in the Fall or purchase them, if they are up to our standard. We make no charge for this service. If you care to take advantage of this write us at once so that we may reserve space for you. We will send you some of our new varieties on same conditions.

SHOW GARDENS

Dahlia lovers and growers who are interested in the latest introduction are cordially invited to visit our Trial Grounds from September 1st until frost. Gardens open to visitors at all times. We shall have a fine collection of 1928 introductions from the leading growers, also many of the new creations that will be released in 1929.

We wish to thank our visitors for the number of orders given us at our gardens the past season. We also wish to thank all the growers who have favored us in the past by sending their new originations for trial in our gardens. They were an added attraction to our visitors from all sections of the country. If you are coming from a distance write us a few days in advance.

We will also have several varieties of the Wild Dahlia of Mexico.

If you are unable to visit our trial show gardens and fields, stop at our booth at the New York Show of the A. D. S. We will be glad to see you at either place.

Properly Grown Dahlia Plants Produce More and Better Blooms Than Tubers.

Green Plants are rooted cuttings taken from tubers which were started in the greenhouse in January. They are cut off and rooted just as you would slip a Geranium; as soon as rooted they are potted, and allowed to grow in the greenhouse until they are removed to the cold frames about May 1st to harden off. **Dahlia Plants are Cheaper than Tubers** because they can be produced quicker and at less expense. Most all the large show blooms are grown from plants; the large cut flower growers use plants in preference to tubers. Try them and be convinced.

We supply properly grown plants of any dahlia listed in this catalogue at one-half the price of tubers where the tuber price is \$2.00 or more. Plants of any variety listed at one dollar each only grown to order, you may order direct from this catalogue, or we will send you our plant list for a postal card, it will be ready in February. We guarantee our plants to reach you in first class condition, any part of the country.

Plants sent by parcel post are prepaid to your address. If you wish them forwarded by first class mail please send 25 cents for special handling stamp.

All varieties listed as \$1.00 plants will be same price.

TESTIMONIALS

From California.

June 7, 1927

Plants received eight days after mailing. They were received in excellent condition, and also all growing just as if they had never left their home for a trip of 3000 miles. It certainly speaks well of your system of packing, when tender plants can be shipped across the U. S. A. for a trip of eight days and on arrival in such good condition that they did not even droop. E. M. D.

From California

June 8, 1927

The green plants arrived in good condition, and are doing nicely.

From Massachusetts

Plants received. Certainly are fine; best I have ever purchased. Dr. S. S.

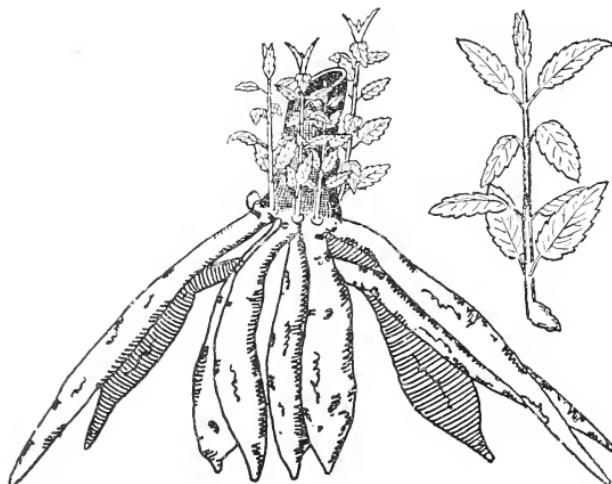
From Nebraska

The plants you sent me are in my trial grounds, none the worse for their long journey.

The four certificates we won at the Trial Grounds were for Dahlias grown from green plants. We sent them to the following Trial Gardens: Storr's, Conn., New Brunswick, N. J., State of Washington, Mitchell, Neb.

New Jersey

HOW WE PROPOGATE OUR PLANTS



A Clump with Cuttings Also Cutting Ready
For Propogating Bed



A PROPERLY GROWN PLANT

Plant Ready For Shipping to Any
Part of The Country.

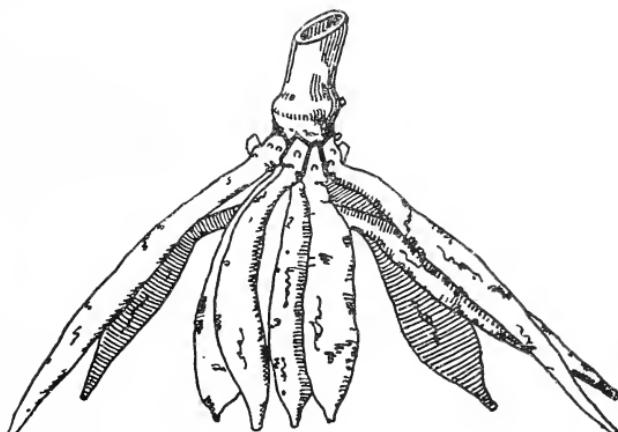
PRINCESS CLAVERLY (Smith)—A new and attractive Dahlia which has proven itself worthy of a place among the best. The flowers, which are large, measuring seven inches across, are a beautiful rose-pink, deepening towards the center, which is splendid, often hidden by a wealth of incurved petals. A free bloomer, flowering profusely; well set above the foliage, on long, wiry and stiff stems. This variety will be found acceptable for all purposes.

Tubers \$10.00

GREEN PLANTS

We strongly recommend green plants such as we furnish. They are stocky plants and will give as good satisfaction as tubers. Our method of packing insures your receiving them in first class condition. Green plants are much less liable to become diseased, and they will produce as good or better flowers, as well as better tubers, and are generally cleaner and more free from disease. All plants are hardened off and will be ready for shipment after May 15th. We have received very fine reports on plants we sent out last season. Price of plants will be one-half that of tubers. You may order plants of any variety.

We guarantee the safe arrival of plants, if they are damaged in transit we will replace at once or refund money.



Clump of Tubers Grown From
A Green Plant

Growing Dahlias from Seed

A Fascinating and Profitable Pastime

With the right seed wonderful results can be obtained. Your garden will be a riot of blooms the first season. Without doubt the most alluring of all phases of Dahlia growing is the uncertainty of what we shall get. Each day as the seedlings come into bloom, a new surprise awaits us. Each seed produces a new variety. This makes it the most fascinating part of growing Dahlias. They are seldom like the parent plant in color. All the fancy Dahlias of today were grown from seed. Many of them were produced by seed grown by amateurs and sold to growers at fancy prices.

As in everything else, heredity is most important. Therefore only seed from the best varieties should be used. Dahlia seed grown in Southern California is superior because of the long, dry seasons. Nearly all of the large double varieties will produce matured seed, which condition is not possible in localities where there is rain or where the growth is stopped by frost before the seed is ripe. Our seed is not harvested until after January 15th.

There is no better Dahlia seed than that grown for us in Los Angeles County. The large number of letters from our satisfied customers bear us out in this statement. They come from all parts of the country telling us of their success with these seeds as compared with those from elsewhere. Our customers won many first prizes at the Dahlia Shows with these seedlings. Repeat orders we receive from nearly all our customers are the most convincing evidence.

In order to secure seed from desired varieties, it will be necessary to place your order early as the supply is limited.

Our list of varieties from which we will have seed will be found on another page.

Our growers do not practice hand pollination except for experimental purposes, as our experience has been that most of the so-called crosses are entirely uncertain unless done with such painstaking care that the cost of the seed would be prohibitive, but we depend entirely on natural agencies to distribute the pollen from one flower to another. We do not save seed from poor, insignificant flowers.

That our seed is fully equal to any, whether advertised as hand crossed or not, is evidenced by the glowing reports we are continually receiving from our customers of the successes they have had with it.

We do not claim our seed will produce all double flowers, that's impossible; for, no matter how perfect the variety may be from which the seed is gathered, or how scientifically pollinated, you will get only a small percentage of prize winners. If the rule were opposite, there would be very little pleasure or honor in developing new creations. It would be too easy.

The only claim we make for our seed is that it is taken from the best Dahlias in existence, as to stem, substance, etc., and from a garden well balanced as to color that allows the seed of even the full Decorative type to fully mature and ripen on the bush.

TESTIMONIALS

We are only publishing a few of the hundreds of testimonials we have received from satisfied customers:

Maryland

The Seed I purchased from you grew much better and the results were far better than the Seeds purchased from eight other growers. Won four prizes at the State Dahlia Show, and most of the blooms exhibited were from your seed. A local grower made me a nice offer for the stock of seedlings. You may be assured that I will use Chemar Seed exclusively next year.

J. J. W.

Virginia

Last Spring we purchased seed from several California growers, together with one packet of your seed. The results have convinced us that your seed was the best of any tested. Please reserve one ounce of your XXX Special for us.

(Signed) N. B. Co.

North Carolina, Oct. 28, 1927

From your Dahlia Seed I had amazing results. Blooms unusually large and beautiful. I gave them no special treatment.

G. A. H.

New York, Oct. 10, 1927

Almost every day I get a new and more lovely seedling. They stand out in the finest collections.

P. H.

Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 1927

Last Spring I got a package of Dahlia Seed from you and planted them. As they did not come up as quickly as I thought I felt disappointed, but planted the package you sent me to replace the first ones which I thought were old seed. By that time I had learned something about Dahlia Seed and gave them time to germinate. The results are wonderful. Just now I have sixty grand blooms, one measuring 13 1/2 inches across, on a fine stem. I expect to increase my order for seed in the Spring as a number of people want me to get seed for them too.

G. B.

Ohio, 1927.

Last Spring I purchased one package of seed and had wonderful results. This Spring I have not received your circular to date. If you do not handle this grade of seed any longer please send me name and address where I can purchase same. If you still handle it please quote me prices on 2 ounces.

P. L.



All pedigreed hand picked from selected flowers. Pods ripened on plants. You may buy cheaper seed, we doubt if you can get better. We can supply seed from the varieties listed below with name of seed bearing parent on package or in mixture.

XXX SPECIAL

50 Seeds \$5.00 100 Seeds \$8.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oz. 30.00

Chemar's Masterpiece, Elite Glory, Faith Garibaldi, Marmion, Jersey Beacon, Chemar's Purity, Eagle Rock Sunshine, Queen of Garden Beautiful, Jersey Mamouth, Copper King, Eagle Rock Beauty, Siskiyou, Flaming Metor, Oyster Bay Beauty, B. Red Fern.

XX SPECIAL

50 Seeds \$3.00; 100 Seeds \$5.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ Oz. \$15.00; Oz. \$30.00.
Mixed Same Price.

Amur Ra, Elinor Vanderveer, Jersey Beauty, Kalistrie, Roman Eagle, R. Scott, Champagne, Elinor Martin, Jersey Mammoth, Radio, Rosy Morn, Sun Maid, Mrs. I. De Van Werner, M. H. Deyoung, Patrician Mines, Robert Treat, Sagamore, Grenadier, Mrs. Carl Salsback, Latorador, Tommy Atkins, Insulinda, Myra Valentine, Wizard of Oz, U. S. A., Zante, Zeus.

No order filled for less than \$3.00 or 50 seeds. You may select 10 seeds of 5 varieties. Seeds from all the above varieties in mixture, 100 Seeds \$4.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$10.00. Order early to be sure to get varieties you wish, as the demand for seed from the newer varieties is greater than the supply.

Prizes Offered For Seedlings Grown from Our Stock.

\$20 for Best Collection of Seedlings.

Gold Medal for Best Decorative.

Silver Medal for Best Hybrid Cactus.

Blue Ribbon for Second Prizes on each.

Similar prizes to above in goods listed in our 1928 Catalogue will be offered in any organized show. Have your Secretary write us.

We are always in the market for new varieties. Should you get any you care to sell from our seeds write us.

To get seed from all the varieties listed, we had to contract with five growers.

DAHLIA COLTNESSE YELLOW—A good, clear yellow variety of this popular class of Dahlias, coming about 75 per cent. true from seed. Of similar habit to the scarlet sort, it produces an equally free and long-continued succession of bloom.

Per Pkt. 50c

DAHLIA CORONATA—A large fragrant Dahlia; the single flowers are produced in abundance on long, stiff stem, making it valuable for cutting.

50 Seeds for 50c

DWARF BEDDING DAHLIAS—Wonderful, Sensational, European Novelty.—If you wish to grow something really worth-while at small cost, you should then try **Coltness English Hybrid Dwarf Bedding Dahlias**. Flowers stand well above the dwarf bushy plants (height 18 inches). Used in great quantities in Europe and flower profusely all Summer and Fall. Easily and quickly grown from seed; germinate even more quickly than Aster, flower earlier, and they bloom as freely as Zinnias. Many of them flower while in pots or flats when only 10 to 12 weeks old. A florist reports 107 plants from a single seed packet. We have imported seed of this interesting and valuable novelty from England, and advise immediate orders while a supply is still available. We will mail a liberal packet of seed upon receipt of only 50c.

DAHLIA MIGNONS are similar to the Coltnes Hybrids in height of plant and size of flower; they differ only in the colors. **Mignons** produce a larger number of pinks, lavenders and orange shades. They are wonderful for table decoration and basket work.

50 Seeds, 50c

Three Dainty Miniature Decorative Dahlias

The three following varieties are gems for cutting purposes and are splendid types of the new small-flowered decorative class. These varieties should be in every first class collection.

IRENE—A lovely small flowered decorative Dahlia belonging to the miniature class. The blossoms are only 2 to 3 inches in diameter, the color is an exquisite shade of old rose. A gem for cutting purposes.

Tubers \$2.00

LITTLE JEWEL—One of the daintiest of the newer race of miniature decorative Dahlias, blossoms about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Absolutely perfect in form and a most entrancing shade of pure peach blossom pink. It is one of the progenitors of the new miniature flowered class which are destined to become very popular. (Tubers.)

Tubers \$1.00

PINK PEARL—A new miniature flowered decorative Dahlia from England, the color being deeper than that to be noted in the variety Little Jewel. The flowers are more or less of similar size and form. When not disbudded they are borne in dainty sprays. The blossoms are held perfectly erect on thin wiry stems. A charming variety for cut flower purposes, especially valuable for table decorations.

Tubers \$2.00

Special Offer—One each of the three above miniature flowered decorative Dahlias for **\$4.00**.

OUR NEW PEDIGREED ORIGINATIONS



GUARANTEED TO GIVE SATISFACTION

OUR NEW VARIETIES FOR 1928

We are introducing this year eight new dahlias, and in selecting them, we have paid especial attention to have them meet all of the requirements new dahlias should have. They are all distinct either in shape or coloring, all are of good size and have the best of stems.

It will be noted that we are not asking an exorbitant price for any of these novelties; this is in line with our policy not to disseminate our new varieties until we have large enough stocks of them so that we may price them within the reach of all.

CHEMAR'S 2406—A very large decorative, held facing on an 18 inch stiff stem well above the foliage; of a strong, sturdy plant which is covered with blooms from early July until killed by frost. You may ask why another red? The reasons are, it never burns or shows an open center, and the shade is different. So much so that we failed to find any shade of red in Ridgeway's to match it. After searching several color charts, the nearest we can find is one in the Standard Color Chart of America, which is Ruby Fuchsia with a bright, velvety sheen, a color you will admire. Flowers will last several days when cut.

Tubers \$10.00

We are offering Twenty Dollars in cash for a name for 2406, to be descriptive of the color. Name to be selected by the judges of the A. D. S. at the Annual Show, held in New York City.

CHEMAR'S CHARM.—A salmon pink decorative with all the habits of Jersey's Beauty. The large flowers are held facing on the best of stems and the plant is a robust grower; the fact that we use it for cut flowers is enough recommendation as to its color, stem, size of flower and productiveness.

\$2.50

CHEMAR'S DELIGHT.—A very pretty decorative, with a long stiff stem, holding the blooms facing. The color combination is beautiful clear lemon-yellow; $\frac{1}{4}$ of each petal is heavy-tipped, pure white. Flowers average 6 in. What they lack in size is made up of quantity of blooms it produces. Wonderful for decorative effect. A seedling of delight.

Tuber \$3.50

CHEMAR'S PURITY, a most perfect white decorative seedling from Jersey's Beauty which it resembles in everything but color. The petals are long and straight, the centre excellent, size immense, stems extra long and stiff holding flowers high up above a stong sturdy plant. When the flowers first open they show a slight trace of ivory near the centre, this gradually changes to a pure white at maturity. Certificate at the A. D. S. Trial Grounds in 1927 and scored eighty-six (86) at the Nebraska Trial Grounds.

Tubers \$10.00

From Nebraska.

Septmber 26, 1927

Without question your "Chemar's Purity" is the best white decorative in the gardens. Have recommended it to my correspondents.

A. G. F.

From California

October 17, 1927

Chemar's Purity has many wonderful blooms and more buds coming. It is one of the real Dahlias.

E. D.

From New York

October 24, 1927

I strongly advise you to feature Chemar's Purity, as it is my frank opinion this is the best white Dahlia introduced to date.

D. H. H.

Dr. Howe says: "Chemar's Purity is one grand prize Dahlia."

CHEMAR'S MASTERPIECE.—A huge incurved cactus flower of orchid pink or soft orchid coloring which everyone loves. The flowers are extra large of perfect form, under all conditions; are so placed on extra long stems that they show their beauty to the best advantage. It is a seedling of Mrs. I. de Van Warner and a counterpart in every way except Masterpiece; is an incurved English cactus producing ten-inch flowers in abundance. This has won a certificate at the N. J. Trial Grounds.

Tubers \$10.00

From California

September 23, 1927

Chemar's Masterpiece is very beautiful and one of the best Dahlias I have seen.

E. D.

From New York

Chemar's Masterpiece is one of the best Dahlias I have seen to date.

From New Jersey

Masterpiece is one grand Dahlia. Saw It growing at the Trial Grounds. Send me six tubers.

G. W.

CHEMAR'S QUEEN (Decorative)—A very large bright yellow, a color that you will never tire of; there is no trace of any other color in the flower. Average nine inches without forcing; the large flowers are held perfectly erect on the long cane stiff stems. As a seedling L. C. a 12-inch flower, won the certificate for the best Dahlia not in commerce; this was in 1923.

The bush is a vigorous grower of average height, and is particularly striking in the garden because of the sharp contrast between the quantities of yellow blooms rising well up above the heavy dark green foliage. The flowers keep a long time when cut. Won a certificate at the A. D. S. Trial Grounds in 1927.

Tubers \$10.00

CHEMAR'S U. S. A.—For several years we have been experimenting to get a full center Dahlia the color of U. S. A. We have succeeded in this 1924 seeding. The blooms of this Dahlia are very deep and large with an air tight center. Stems are long and stiff as a poker and hold the flowers erect. The color is like the parent apricot buff-suffused gold. Good for all purposes.

Tubers \$10.00

OYSTER BAY'S BEAUTY (Decorative).—The rich dark red velvety color would attract any Dahlia lover. We have made arrangements to introduce this beautiful Dahlia, after hearing all the favorable comment at Bronx Park and Storr's where it scored 84 in 1925. The plants are literally covered with the extra large flowers from early season until frost. The flower is so placed on the top of the long stems that it can be arranged to the best advantage in a vase and they show their beauty in the garden. We do not know of any Dahlia of its color that would compare with it. Certificate N. W. Trial Grounds.

Tubers \$3.50

From Long Island

Oyster Bay's Beauty is one of the best Dahlias you ever sent out.

D. W.

From Massachusetts

Never saw such a bloomer as Oyster Bay's Beauty. A mass of blooms all the time.

C. G. R.

From California

Oyster Bay's Beauty is better than ever and has many marvelous blooms. It is truly a wonderful Dahlia.

E. D.

October 8, 1927

OYSTER BAY'S RUBY.—A rich ruby red perfectly formed decorative flower, held erect on a two-foot stem that is as stiff as a cane. It never shows a centre; flowers average, without forcing, 8 to 9 inches. A limited number.

September 23, 1927

Tubers \$5.00

Oyster Bay' Ruby grew 13 inches across in my garden, this summer, and was very much admired.

M. T. V.

OYSTER BAY'S JEWEL (Devine)—From the time the first bloom of this decorative appeared on the seedling plant in 1924 to the past season nearly every visitor singled it out, and asked, "What is that beautiful Dahlia?" At Storr's it scored 84 in 1927. Once more we must use the expression "hard to describe". The National Color Chart describes it as Indiana Rose. Ridgeway's bright rose. We would call it American Beauty Rose. The extra large blooms are produced in abundance and are held upright on long stiff stems. Keeps well when cut.

Tuber \$10.00

JOHN WILK (Chemar)—This large, stag-horn, Decorative has always been one of our favorites. It has all the qualities that is necessary in a first class Dahlia, such as robust, growth, long stiff stems, size of blooms, quality and quantity of blooms produced and keeping qualities when cut. Its wonderful color which is a rich velvety maroon, a color that is beautiful under light. This color description does not do it justice, as there is something about it that is hard to describe.

Tuber \$10.00

WINIFRED DEVINE—A bright rose pink decorative that scored 84 at Storrs in 1925. The beautiful flowers are held facing on long straight stems. No collection is complete without this wonderful Dahlia as it has a color all its own and must be seen to be admired.

Tubers \$3.00

NEW INTRODUCTIONS FROM OTHER GROWERS

We've picked the best from East to West.

In visiting the many shows and gardens last fall we selected the following as the best of the new varieties grown or exhibited. They are all good rugged growers, have fine large flowers and good long stems, which hold the flowers well above the foliage. The most of them have won the highest awards wherever shown. The descriptions are, in most cases, the originators.

Orders for the new introductions are accepted on no guarantee on our part of filling the orders unless placed early as the stock is limited. The prices are net to all, and cash with order. We are only listing the new varieties for the accommodation of our retail trade. Please order early. Orders filled in rotation.

1928 Introductions of Jessie L. Seal.

BARBARA WEAR (Seal)—A beautiful lavender pink decorative on a wonderful stem and a strong grower, of the best of habits. Won the Garden & Home Builders Achievement medal for the best new Dahlia originated west of the Rocky Mountains. Nuf sed.

Tubers \$15.00

MAY TROWER (Seal)—We cannot find words to paint a picture of this wonderful Dahlia, in the minds of those that admire the beautiful coloring found in this creation of Mrs. Seal's. The coloring saves it from becoming just another huge Dahlia, azure gold tinted with mauve in such a way that it leaves a lasting impression. The stems are exceptionally long and stiff. A wonderful exhibition variety.

Tubers \$15.00

CHARLOT LA FRENZ (Seal)—One of the best California Decorative varieties in our trial ground last year; perfect flowers held facing on perfect stems held away above a strong growing plant. The color is beautiful, a pleasing autumn color combining shades of yellow salmon and apricot. A wonderful color effect. We strongly recommend this Dahlia for all purposes. **Tubers \$10.00**

DORIS CANEY (Seal)—Beautiful is the word that describes this rich colored, old gold Decorative. The flowers are very large and come double all season; extra long, stiff stems hold the flowers erect, high above a tall growing plant. Very much admired in our trial grounds by visitors. **Tubers \$1.00**

MRS. A. E. WHEELER (Marshall-Chemar)—A wonderful new decorative that has attracted much attention in our gardens. So many linger by it and say "Wonderful". It won first prize at the A. D. S. show in 1927. The color is beautiful, fuchsia, shading to magenia with reverse of petals striped white showing in the center. The habits are ideal; stem long and stiff; flower habit profuse; a bloom large and never show an open centre; plant or tuber. **Tuber \$10.00**

P. W. POP (Marshall-Chemar)—A grand new Hybrid Cactus, a seedling from Champagne, one of the finest and most artistic flowers; distinct in color and form. Stems are over two feet in length and hold the large blooms facing, which are produced in abundance all season. The color combination is beautiful, a rich golden yellow slightly suffused rose, reverse veined rose; showing in the center which is perfect all season. **Tuber \$10.00**

MY MARYLAND (Downs)—No description—nor picture—can do this justice. A beautiful hybrid-cactus of unusually delicate pink, with the faintest suggestion of lavender. The petals are pointed and whorled and twisted in a daintily attractive manner all their own. The blooms are large; the stem is extra long and stiff and the plant is one of those rugged bushes. This Dahlia was awarded first prize as the best seedling shown at the Atlantic City Show of the New Jersey Dahlia Society, the Achievement Medal of the Garden and Home Builder. My Maryland won first prize at the New York Show of the A. D. S. as the best undessiminated hybrid-cactus seedling. It also was awarded a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. We recommend this Dahlia to those that want the best.

Tubers \$15.00; Stock Limited

JANE COWL (Downs)—Deep massive blooms of bronzy buff and old gold, blending deeper toward the perfect center—broad petals with just enough twist to add the refinement often lacking in so large a flower. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over bush of ideal growth, and the foliage is the thick leathery kind that insects seldom bother. This Dahlia was the sensational seedling of the New York Show of the A. D. S. where Jane Cowl chose it (then an unnamed seedling) to be named for her. At this show it won first prize as the best undisseminated decorative seedling and also the Garden and Home Builder Sweepstakes Silver Medal. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, where we saw it growing and it was in our estimation the largest best and highest scoring Dahlia at the Trial Grounds. If you want a winner grow Jane Cowl.

Limited number of Tubers, while they last, \$15.00 net
Delivery April 15th.

We will grow a number in our show gardens next year.

AMERICA. (Beatrice.)—In this we have a grand fancy decorative Dahlia, of perfect formation. The color is a light bright scarlet, evenly tipped purest white, has never produced any solid colored flowers, extra fine long, stiff stems, which hold the full-centered blossoms measuring 7 to 10 inches perfectly upright. A clean growing plant which requires very little, if any, disbudding, and is a great attraction in the garden.

Tubers \$10.00

BECKETTS ORIENTAL (Dec.)—The nearest approach to perfection of any dahlia on the market, dark red, gold tips. The gold tips extend about one-third of the length of each petal. Flowers very large and perfect. Plants covered with flowers all summer.

Tubers \$15.00 Net

BORIS DUDLEY (Fisher & Masson)—An early and extremely free bloomer of medium tall habit of growth. A full centered decorative of a bright Begonia rose shading to gold in center of flower. Strong, straight stems, dark green foliage. Plants laden with flowers from early season until frost. Highly recommended for cut flowers.

Tubers \$5.00

From Nebraska

Oyster Bay's Beauty did remarkably well; an extremely heavy bloomer and calls forth many compliments.

COLOR SERGEANT (D) (Stock limited)—A very striking Dahlia both in form and color. Much admired at the Camden, N. J., (State Show) where it won as best specimen bloom and again at Philadelphia, where it was awarded a Silver Medal as best seedling. Also awarded Certificate of Merit at the New Jersey State Trial Grounds where it scored 87. Color is rich, deep salmon bronze of one shade. Clean, up-right grower of excellent habits and a perfect stem. We consider this one of the best all-around varieties we have grown for exhibition or cutting.

\$10.00

COHASSET SUPREME (D.) New 1927—Here is one of the best dahlias we saw in 1926. It is very large and the beautiful bloom is held erect on very long, stiff stems, held high above a very tall growing plant. It is a beautiful sight to see this dahlia in full bloom with the great, large lavender pink bloom standing supreme above the most of the other plants in the garden. The blossoms are lighter in color in the center, with a deep pink reverse. We believe this dahlia will be one of the shining lights of the new 1927 introductions of the best in dahlias.

\$7.50

CITY OF TRENTON (Prentice-Fisher & Mason)—A large exhibition decorative borne erect on top of cane-like stem. An Autumn colored dahlia defying adequate description. The face of petals a rich glowing tangerine, reverse crushed-strawberry red. The petals curl gracefully giving a two tone effect and creating an impression of whorls of tongues of flames radiating from a full center. Without doubt one of the most brilliant dahlias we have ever introduced.

Tubers \$10.00

ESTHER NELSON (Nelson-Fisher & Masson)—A beautiful exhibition hybrid cactus, with fluffy curled and twisted petals of deep yellow, faintly touched with carmine when flowers first unfold; as the flower ages, the tips of the outer petals deepen to a rosy carmine giving a two-tone effect. The flower is poised on a fine rigid, black stem and well above the dark green foliage. A distinctly new color combination and sure to be a prize winner on account of color, size and keeping qualities.

Tubers \$10.00

FLAME LICK (Dec)—You can always hear the old cry, I have enough reds. So have I, yet I'll buy a good red just as quick as any other color and so will you. The big noise last season was a large good red. I didn't hear anyone singing I have enough reds. The trouble is, we don't know what we want till we see it. Flame Lick is a new brilliant flame red flower on the end of great stems, looking you full in the face. Profuse bloomer plant habit, excellent 4 to 5 feet high. The petals seem to have a transparent tissue sheen you don't see in other reds. One of those nice growing plants you don't have to trim. A special gift from Nature, it cares for itself. Only a few varieties have this habit.

Tubers \$7.50

EAGLE ROCK JEWELL (H. C.)—Cream overlaid cameo pink (shell pink). We consider this the most beautiful color in any dahlia we have ever seen. The large flowers are borne on long stems. It is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer.

Tubers \$15.00

F. T. D.—Named in honor of the Florist's Telegraph Delivery. Large exhibition Decorative. A sport of Trentonian and manifesting the latter's good habit of growth. Tall and free flowering. Color, a rich Tyrian rose Dark green foliage, long rigid, upright stems, exceptionally free flowering and a good keeper. We predict that this new variety will win all the hearts of those who see it, either in the field or on the exhibition table, on account of its unique coloring.

Tubers \$7.50

GOLDEN DREAM (Reed)—We grew this wonderful decorative in our gardens last year and judging from the comments of our visitors it was one of the best "Golds" in our trial gardens. The extra large blooms are held high above strong growing plants. We could have sold every tuber we had many times over. Won two Certificates in the official Trial Grounds. First prize at Boston and Mitchell, Neb. Ten-inch flowers are produced in abundance all season.

Tuber \$10.00 Net.

HARRY MAYER (Reed)—We grew this Dahlia last year on trial and we never grew a better Dahlia. The habits are perfect, stiff stems are 12-24 inches long, holding the very large beautiful formed blossom high above the very dark green foliage. The color, pale roselyn purple, is a most attractive addition to any collection. We consider this Dahlia is in the class with Marmion, Broomall's, Kennedy's, Waite's or any of the better introducers' quality Dahlias. Don't pass up this fine decorative Dahlia. Have it while it's new. Order now as the stock is limited.

Tubers \$10.00

JEAN HARE (Fisher & Masson)—A distinctive exhibition hybrid cactus of peculiar formation and unusual charm. When flower first unfolds it is a beautiful golden yellow, as it matures it becomes an apricot buff and the outer row of petals a golden bronze. A flower that attracted unusual attention both in the field and at the shows. One of the most attractive autumn colored dahlias on account of its size and great beauty. Free bloomer medium to tall habit of growth, perfectly stiff upright stem and heavy dark green foliage.

Tubers \$10.00

LA MEXICANA (Fisher & Masson)—Named at the New York Show by Miss Clara Sanchez, Mexican colatura soprano, who was commissioned by the Mexican Chamber of Commerce to visit the exhibition and select an unnamed flower to bear the name LA MEXICANA. She selected Seedling No. 11, a beautiful granadine orange hybrid cactus, perhaps it would be better described as burnt orange toning to copper, the center of the flower lighter in shade and the tips of petals slightly tinged with gold. An early and free bloomer yet easily attaining exhibition size. Flowers borne on slender, black stiff stems. Medium to tall habit of growth, dark green foliage.

Tubers \$7.50

LAVENDULA (D)—We consider this to be the best large flowered lavender dahlia that we have ever seen. The color is a pleasing shade of lavender throughout. It is a strong grower, with fine stems and habit, and was universally admired by those who saw it in bloom.

Tubers \$10.00

LA RODA (D.)—Silvery rose pink, large well formed flowers held erect on strong stems.

Tubers \$20.00

(REED)—We grew this beautiful Dahlia in 1926 after seeing it at Bronx Park in 1925, and we consider it one of the very best dahlias we have seen or grown. It has the best of habits, in fact it has no faults. We were the only growers of this dahlia in 1926 except Mr. Broomall.

LAKEHURST. (Beatrice.)—This massive flower is bound to cause a sensation at our next Dahlia Shows. We shall not be surprised to find it mingling in classes with the largest flowers in the Shows. This huge full-centered decorative, is a rich velvety red, it might be termed a light maroon, fine long stems, which hold the blossoms well above the dark healthy foliage. Flowers should average at least 9 inches, and we expect it will be grown 12 inches in diameter. Won first prize at Boston Show, September, 1925, for best Decorative Seedling, of New England origin.

Tubers \$15.00

LILLIAN BALDWIN—A beautiful shade of rose-pink or crushed strawberry, decorative, on strong, long stems, of wonderful keeping quality. Flowers exhibited at New York show were cut Monday and shipped from Albany, staged Tuesday, kept through the exhibition, judged Thursday, and auctioned off Thursday night at the close of the show. A prominent Dahlia grower predicted that Baldwin Dahlias will be grown twenty-five years from now, as it has health, stem, pep and endurance. We have grown this variety carefully for four years. It scored 87 at Storrs garden, 1925. No plants were sold to the trade before the 1926 show. It has won wherever shown. We have a good stock that will enable us to furnish first-class tubers. Orders will be filled in strict rotation. Everyone growing Dahlias will eventually catalog this champion.

Tubers \$5.00

LUCKY STRIKE (Hodgens) New 1927.—White Dahlias are scarce and there is always a demand for them. We congratulate Miss Hodgens on the introduction of this exquisite white hybrid cactus. We have been privileged to grow it for two seasons, so can recommend it for having all good qualities. Incurved flower is very large and full. Petals are long and closely rolled. Color is pure snow white. Stem is long and good. An early and bountiful bloomer.

Tubers \$5.00

MARJORIE HENNESSEY (Seal)—An exceptional lovely dahlia with every good quality. The blooms are large, of the most perfect formation, and are carried on extra long, stiff stems high above a tall growing bush. The color is most attractive—Amber, heavily suffused rose, lightening toward the center to a true amber. The tips of the unfolded petals are of a deep rose pink, producing a very beautiful effect.

Tubers \$7.50

MRS. CHAS. W. READING (Dec)—A truly wonderful new creation very large on good stems, good bloomer. Color, gold with lighter shading, suffused and tipped rose carmine, must be seen to be appreciated. Great exhibition and cut flower. Stock short tubers.

Tubers \$5.00

MARMION (D.) (Mastick)—We grew this most wonderful dahlia last year and the highest compliment we can pay this wonder is that we have never grown a better dahlia. It is an all-season dahlia just as large and full of bloom late in the season as it is when it first blooms. We are giving the introducer's description: "This flower is of such enormous size and great depth and looks so massive among the surrounding dahlias. The long cane like stems hold the huge blooms erect. Color is pure golden yellow with bronze suffusion on reverse of petals, and the deeper bronzy tone on the high full center and outline of same shade around each petal enhances the beauty of the flower and gives it an unusual appearance. Florets are long, wavy and curling in such fashion as to eliminate every hint of coarseness. Form is perfect, and early and late the sturdy bushes with their heavy shining dark green foliage are covered with blooms. Scored 90 at the Northwest Trial Grounds of the Western Washington Experiment Station of the State College of Washington, and but for the very dry season it would have scored at least 95."

Tubers \$5.00

MAH JONG (Hybrid Cactus)—On a very tall robust plant with many branches grows this new dahlia. "Mah Jong," so named on account of its vivid oriental coloring, which is a lively shade of scarlet red shading to a pale lemon yellow at the base of each petal. The flowers, always with full centers, are very large and of great substance. Fine for exhibition and cutting, as it is a splendid keeper. This dahlia was admired by everyone who saw it.

Tubers \$7.50

MRS. ROSE K. DARNELL (Decorative)—The large flowers which are very deep and of perfect formation are of true decorative type; having at all times thick full centres. The stems are extra long, long and stiff, holding the blooms very erect, which grow above the foliage on a sturdy bush of medium height very free and open. The plant is an easy grower and a profuse bloomer. Color a rich luminous old rose; tinted throughout on the reverse a soft tourmaline pink. A perfect dahlia in every way.

Tubers \$5.00

MRS. HENRY E. FOLEY (H. C.)—You'll hear them say, don't you love the decoratives, a short distance south someone rings in, ain't the Hybrid cactus wonderful and she made a good guess. The Hy. cactus is in a class by itself, especially when it is backed up with a nice plant flower and stem. It is a very large 10-inch swell-constructed flower. The color, a combination of white and two-tone variegated magenta suffused, in a way, hard to describe. You'll have to see it growing before you can appreciate the new coloring. It has a habit all it's own, laterals grow up straight like a cane. It will carry 8 limbs easy and if you want 3-foot stems for baskets with a swell classy flower on the end, cut low. Stock limited, order early.

Tubers \$10.00

MARGARET STARKE—A pink Dahlia—Yes, there are many but how many that can be classed with qualifications of One Hundred Per Cent valuation. We claim, as do those that viewed our new pink dahlia last Fall that "Margaret Starke" is a dahlia of unusual merit and can be used for every purpose. American Cactus type, fine form, full centers and all that could be asked for in a stem. The plant is of medium height, free and open; covered the entire season with good size blooms colored a soft Spinel pink. A grand keeper.

Plants \$5.00 net

NANCY HARE—Named after a dainty little maiden of Trevose, Pa. An exquisite decorative made up of regularly placed petals forming a flower of great depth. Color a true old rose or to quote "Ridgway", jasper pink. The fully expanded petals reflect a golden sheen. Medium tall habit of growth, extremely profuse bloomer, perfectly rigid stem and dark green, thick foliage. An extremely choice flower which attracts a great deal of attention in the field. Highly recommended as a good keeper when cut.

Tubers \$10.00

REFLECTION (Dec)—Its interesting to listen to the dahlia lovers telling one another they like solid colors and before they leave you sell them about all the by-colors you have. Reflection is a grand exhibition and cut variety, face of petal, white reverse variegated and suffused violet producing a slight shell pink base; flower large and deep; held high above foliage on the best stems; free bloomer, holding its size well all season; habit of plant extra good. The dahlia world wants good stems so much so, some of you forget what's on the end so long as stem is good. Reflection has a great stem and a nice posie on the end, (stock limited).

Tubers \$10.00; Net

SILVERADO—Our Napa farm is located in the heart of the Silverado country immortalized by Robert Louis Stevenson; in fact, an hour's ride takes one to the exact spot, on historic Mt. St. Helena, where the author first visualized his "Silverado Squatters." Naturally it has been our ambition to originate a dahlia worthy of this name, and after many disappointments we finally succeeded beyond our greatest expectations, and so take great pleasure in introducing our new Silverado, without doubt the largest dahlia of its class ever produced. The immense blooms are of white, gradually shading toward the center to a delicate silvery lavender. The stems are extra long and strong, and the tall, well branched bushes are always covered with these huge, feathery blooms. We have over a hundred plants of Silverado in our display garden, and everyone was captivated by their beauty.

Tubers \$7.50

SUNNYSIDE—We have been waiting with patience to introduce a dahlia that we might fittingly call "Sunnyside." We have been finally rewarded. There is nothing like our new dahlia on the market that we know of. The immense flowers, always with full center, are of Hybrid Cactus type. The petals are long and flare back, almost meeting. The color is a clear shade of grenadine red greatly intensified with metallic shadings. The plant grows tall and vigorous. The stems are straight and stiff as a cane. An early profuse bloomer making a grand vivid spot in the garden. For all purposes.

Plants \$5.00 Net

SHIRLEY EILEEN SHATTUCK. (Murphy) Dec.—The best lavender to date on long stiff stems. Free bloomer on well constructed plant. Can easily be grown eight inches in diameter without disbudding. Don't miss this one as it is reasonable in price for so good a seedling.

Tubers \$15.00 Net.

DAHLIAS OF SUPREME MERIT WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED RECENTLY

This collection consists of new American and European introductions and also includes a few older sorts which rank in quality with some of the best of recent introduction.

ALTAMONT (Dec)—Rose-pink, deepening to American Beauty Rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large, averaging 8 inches and over in diameter, full decorative type, with long slightly curled petals, giving the individual blooms a very artistic finish. Its tall growing habit, with its long slender stalks makes it possible to cut the bloom with stems 6 to 8 feet in length. A splendid keeper and one of the best exhibition varieties ever originated.

Tubers \$5.00

ALICE WHITTIER (*The Wonder Dahlia*)—Winner of the highest award at the San Francisco show, 1926, for the most perfect and the most beautiful Dahlia in the show open to all classes.

Winner of the President's Cup, Boston show.

Winner of several awards of merit at the trial gardens, including the Northwestern Trial, 1926, scoring 90 points.

Winner for the largest in the show at an Eastern show, 1926. Winner of many prizes for our customers and will win for you. It has been grown 10-12 inches, perfect stems, color primrose yellow that glistens in the sunlight. This Hybrid Cactus will please.

Tubers \$5.00

ALTESSE (*Bessie Boston*)—Yellow dahlias are becoming almost as abundant as red, but you really cannot get too much yellow, and Altesse is not a commonplace shade. It is a bright buttercup shading deeper at the center. A graceful formation of petals, which may take a hybrid cactus form in a cool, foggy climate. Stem is hard as iron and holds the big flower erect. Bushes are low-growing and bloom early and freely.

Tubers \$3.50

ALEXANDER POPE (H. C.)—That attracted so much attention at the Short Hills and Swamscot, Mass. shows in 1925, where it won first prize for best basket. At the Boston show, 1924, it won for largest in its class, 11½ inches. It also won in every class it has ever been entered, including best basket in show at Boston, 1926. Never been defeated is the claim of the originator. The color is an attractive shade of crimson with reverse of magenta. The petals have a metallic lustre and twist showing reverse, center of bloom is almost black. This is a big shaggy monster. Winning eight first prizes in 1925-1926.

Tubers \$5.00

COPPER KING—Wonderful arrangement of copper, yellow and light red reverse. Considered by many to be the finest Dahlia in existence. The stock on this variety is very scarce. This Dahlia was listed at \$50.00 per bulb in 1923, but was not marketed until 1924.

Tubers \$2.00

BARBARA REDFERN—An enormous Decorative of great depth. A wonderful combination of old rose and gold. The mammoth flowers are produced early and continuously, on extra long stems, which hold the flowers upright the entire season. The plant is a healthy, vigorous grower. Imagine if you can a ten-inch decorative bloom on a four-foot stem. Shipped five hundred miles to the Los Angeles Dahlia Show and at the end of three days it was fresh enough to be shipped by the show manager to a friend another fifty miles away, and it arrived in good condition and kept another three days. The above is the record of Barbara Redfern. It was given a rating of 98. Compared with Jersey's Beauty (91 points), Bessie Boston has this to say: "Barbara Redfern is one of California's best introductions, and flower lovers who crave beautiful coloring will rejoice in it." Barbara Redfern won many prizes in the east as in the west. To insure delivery, tubers should be ordered at once, as the stock is limited to May 1st delivery.

Tubers \$7.50

COURONNE D'OR (Decorative)—Old gold with an old rose reverse. This is a new French introduction that has proven to be one of the finest dahlias we have ever received from Europe and one that will be popular as any when it becomes generally known. The flowers are very large and very deep, perfectly double and carried straight on long, stiff stems; they can be cut three feet long with very little disbudding. It is very free in bloom for so large a flower, with a compact bush of about average height. The coloring is very effective; the old rose on the reverse shows through the varying shades of gold and as the petals twist it reflects itself to the face of the flower in a most charming combination. This new variety will make a striking showing on any exhibition table, is a beautiful ornament in the garden, and makes an ideal cut flower for large decorations. Our stock is rather limited and we can offer only a comparatively few roots this season.

Tubers \$5.00

CASPER G. WARE—A fine decorative dahlia of bright clear violet rose. It is true decorative and, like Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, it will probably eventually be a general favorite. A vase of Casper G. Ware won for best vase of 25 blooms at Camden, and it was about the finest vase of dahlias seen this year. The color changes under different soil conditions, but always it is charming and when the pink predominates it is exceedingly beautiful.

Tubers \$3.00

CHAMPAGNE—This immense novelty is one of the largest Dahlias. The coloring is rare—warm autumn shades varying from burnished copper to a dull golden champagne and chamois. The stem is exceptionally long and strong and holds the massive flower absolutely upright high above the tall bushes. This is one of the finest of the California Dahlias and should be in every collection of Dahlias. Champagne was one of the Dahlias that helped to win the Palace Hotel Trophy for you in 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Tubers \$2.00

CHAS. STRATTON—A wonderful exhibition variety. Fluffy formation of a beautiful blending of pale gold to old rose on outer petals, very stiff upright stems. This Dahlia has been awarded 16 prizes in New Jersey, for size and artistic coloring; it is a profuse bloomer.

Tubers \$2.00

CALVIN COOLIDGE, JR.—A large decorative dahlia which created a sensation at Bronx Park and wherever exhibited. The flowers are immense, beautifully shaped, never showing an open center, color a bright rose pink, slightly suffused salmon toward center, petals edged gold. The blooms which are produced in abundance carry themselves erect well above a strong growing plant on long stiff stems. This dahlia was named by special permission of President and Mrs. Coolidge. **Tubers \$5.00**

DAVID KENT (Kent)—A 1927 introduction that made good. Mrs. Kent describes it as follows: A large decorative (7 to 8 inches without forcing) held facing on a perfect stem and one of the best of keepers, a brilliant and artistic coloring, a combination of gold and scarlet, similar to El Grada, but a better grower. **Tubers \$5.00**

ELITE GLORY (D.)—The sensation of N. Y. Show in 1924. A monstrous flower of a brilliant rich red. Its blooms and foliage are gigantic in size, yet pleasing and graceful. Winner of numerous prizes, and scoring 92 Ex. at Storrs and recommended for the Gold Medal. A wonderful keeper. **Tubers \$5.00**

ELIZABETH FORD (Dec)—A new creation and one of the very best on the market today. A very rich raspberry color, of giant size held on very long stiff stems. Free bloomer. Stock short. **Tubers \$5.00 net**

ELLINOR VANDEVEER (Dec)—An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of great depth and substance, and held far above a tall, sturdy bush, on exceptionally long stems. The large flowers are of a glowing, satiny, rose-pink. One of the very first to bloom in our garden, making it very desirable where the blooming season is short. **Tubers \$2.50**

EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY, H. D.—A more beautiful combination of pink and cream than is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine. No picture or description of this giant wonder can do it justice. It's in a class by itself, and unanimously admired by all who have seen it. Every grower who sees this magnificent flower will want it. It is vigorous in growth, with good habit, and strong stems holding perfectly erect the immense blooms which are full to the center, and produced in abundance until frost. Height 4 feet. **\$15.00**

ELYSIAN (D.)—Large flowers of most unusual color, maize yellow shaded vinaceous pink and corinthian red, the general effect being light straw, shaded wine, petals are slightly serrate, must be disbudded to get suitable stems. **Tubers \$5.00**

EASTERN STAR (D.)—This is a wonderful, large, heavy, well formed flower; soft shadings of real old gold, on good stems. **Tubers \$3.00**

ELIZA CLARK BULL (D.)—California's best white, that has made quite a hit on this side of the U. S. A. Medium high and a free bloomer, of good heavy, close built flower with the best of stems, and one you need in your garden. **Tubers \$3.50**

EILEEN ROXBOROUGH (One of our 1927 introductions—A stately bloom held proudly erect on a stiff, cane-like stem. The coloring is an intense rosy pink, with a suffusion of mauve and gold. The large blooms are exceedingly attractive in the garden, having a rich, glowing effect, and owing to their unusual keeping qualities and excellent stems, can not be excelled as cut flowers.

Tubers \$5.00

FORT WASHINGTON (D.)—Here is a dahlia that can and has won many prizes of the largest in the show. Very seldom less than 10 inches without forcing. The large flowers are held perfectly erect on long and stiff stems.

Tubers \$5.00

FAITH GARIBALDI (Garibaldi-Boston. Dec.)—This prize winner is a wonder for color, as the giant blooms are of a deep rose color, shading lighter on the outer petals. The blooms are held aloft on strong stems. Certainly a marvelous Dahlia.

Tubers \$3.00

GLADYS ROLANS (Seal)—A lovely flower of an extremely odd and beautiful coloring. In fact, no description can half convey its beauty. The base color is lavender, but this is almost hidden with a heavy suffusion and veining of reddish purple. The stems are perfect and hold the large, very deep blossoms proudly erect on a tall, well branched plant. A variety that is truly different.

Tubers \$5.00

GRACE SHERMAN (D)—A new creation of much merit. Delicate pink, shading to cream, with light orange in center. Large and full on good stems. One of Meachen & Sherman's sensations. While they last.

Tubers \$5.00

GLEN COVE BEAUTY (H. C.)—A novelty of great merit. The blooms are a clear primrose of slightly shaded with pink and most suitable for exhibition and garden decoration. This novelty was one of the leading prize winners at the Dahlia Show held at Glen Cove.

Tubers \$5.00

HAVE-A-LOOK QUEEN OF AUTUMN (H. D.)—Autumn shade with rose pink predominating. Flowers are nicely constructed and large good growth of plant and free bloomer; stems good.

Tubers \$5.00

HARRY SHELDON, Jr. (Dec)—Tom Murphy's new sensational seedling dahlia, a pink and white decorative of enormous size and great depth; a wonderful exhibition flower.

Tubers \$3.00

HERALD-TRIBUNE ELITE (Dec)—This remarkable White named by one of the Editors of the New York Herald at the American Dahlia Society show, New York, 1925, where it won the coveted Garden & Home Builder Magazine Sweepstakes for Best Dahlia Never Before exhibited at New York. Herald-Tribune Elite scored 86 exhibition at New Jersey Trial Grounds 1925. It is a rich pure white decorative of splendid form and wonderful keeping qualities—on extra fine stems. The plants are thrifty growers with heavy dark green foliage.

Tubers \$3.50

ITALIAN SUNSET (D) (Beatrice)—This wonderful novelty created quite a first prize for best vase of seedlings. Color cream to yellow background, with shades of mauve-pink orchid, rose and cerise, all blending, and radiating from a full center. Large flower 8-10 inches held erect on long stiff stems.

Tubers \$5.00

IIANA (Baker)—The deepest, darkest shade of maroon, almost black. The buds upon opening are black. Long, strong erect stems, a wonderful keeper, making a great cut flower. Does not sunburn.

Tubers \$5.00

HATHOR (Seal) (1927 introduction)—A dahlia of vivid Oriental colorings, and all the lure of far off places, fascinating in its complete novelty. Hathor was the Egyptian Goddess of Love, Mirth and Social Joy, and this dahlia fittingly symbolizes these qualities. The predominating color is flame—not red, but verging on deep crimson, orange, and all those colors seen in glowing embers. The formation is always perfect and the stem exceptionally fine and stiff, so the large bloom looks one squarely in the face. Hathor has won first prize

Tubers \$5.00

JERSEY'S BEACON (Waite)—This dahlia has become a universal favorite. Some splendid blooms of the variety have been shown the past season. As an exhibition flower it has few equals in its color, but as a garden variety, it is even more spectacular. The color is Chinese scarlet, with a paler reverse giving it a two-toned effect. The flowers are large and globular in shape; it is a vigorous grower and has splendid insect resisting foliage.

Tubers \$2.50

JERSEY'S EMPRESS (Waite)—Anthracene violet. The flowers which are very large have a very pleasing formation. The petals are narrow and wavy. The flowers have great depth and good substance, and it has no tendency to burn or fade with the sun. The stems, which are somewhat fleshy, hold the flowers well up. The foliage is very leathery and very resistant to the attacks of the leaf hopper.

Tubers \$5.00

JERSEY'S IDEAL (Waite)—This variety, introduced in a limited way last year, has made hosts of friends. The flowers are very large and of great depth. Best described as a lavender-pink in color, although it varies to phlox-pink. It is a vigorous grower, with large leathery leaves, almost insect proof. The large flowers are produced very freely.

Tubers \$5.00

JERSEY'S JEWEL (Waite)—This variety is still one of the finest exhibition dahlias. The color is a soft mellow pink; the flowers are large and long-petaled. The stems are perfect in every way. At many of the eastern shows this variety consistently won for the best bloom in the show. The foliage is inclined to be soft and should be kept sprayed to keep down the ravages of the leaf hopper.

Tubers \$2.50

JERSEY'S MONARCH (D) (Waite)—Color salmon, large full centered, stem excellent.

Tubers \$2.00

JERSEY'S MAMMOTH (H C.) (Waite)—Truly a monster; in color a rich golden mahogany. This variety is not a good cut flower and is recommended only to those who want the very largest blooms, having frequently reached 14 in. It often captures the prize in the largest bloom class. It is a vigorous grower and not very much subject to the ravages of insects, but should be watched carefully in the early stages of its growth.

Tubers \$2.50

JERSEY'S CAPRICE (Waite)—One of the autumn shades that is hard to describe, being a mixture of buff-orange and gold flowers, large, of good form, stems rigid, holding the flowers erect.

Tubers \$5.00

JERSEY'S DELIGHT (Hyb. Cac.)—The color of this variety is a fine shade of old rose-pink, flowers medium in size and borne on stiff stems.

Tubers \$5.00

JACK O'LANTERN (Reed)—This new introduction, was placed on the Dahlia Roll of Honor of Garden and Home Builder Magazine in 1926 by its editor, Derrill W. Hart, who had first met this new creation at the Trial Gardens of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey at New Brunswick, N. J., where it was awarded a Certificate of Merit, and again at the New York Botanical Gardens, at Bronx Park. In the above magazine Mr. Hart's comments are as follows: "Jack O'Lantern. This brilliantly colored Decorative is one of our favorites. But we love bright colors, anyhow. It is a true Decorative with open petals of bright orange-red, shading to a dark Spanish red near the centre, with gold tips to the petals that form the centre. It is a dashing, bold flower that will be a 100 per cent success with men." We believe this dahlia will eventually be found in the better collections. The large bloom are carried on perfect stiff stems looking you in the eye. This variety is a vigorous grower and free bloomer.

Tubers \$7.50

MRS. CHAS. W. REDDING (Dec.)—A truly wonderful new creation very large on good stems, good bloomer. Color, gold with lighter shading, suffused and tipped rose carmine, must be seen to be appreciated. Great exhibition and cut flower. Stock short.

Tubers \$5.00 net

MARGARET WOODROW WILSON (Fisher & Masson)—An exhibition decorative of immense size and wondrous beauty. Color an opalescent pink. Face of petals creamy with a phlox pink reverse. One of the very best 1926 introductions. D. S. of N. J. Certificate of merit, scored 86.

Tubers \$4.00

MARGARET MASSON—A 1924 introduction that is getting more popular each year, invariably a winner in any class calling for "Best Decoratives." Color a beautiful, silvery rose-pink, flower of great depth and size, wonderful exhibition variety on account of its good keeping qualities. Certificate of Merit of Dahlia Society of New Jersey, and is still included on the list of one of the best growers in the State, as one of the "Five best Dahlias on the market." Free bloomer and stem stiff.

Tubers \$2.00

MYRA VALENTINE (Dec)—Large golden bronze flowers on stems three feet long, which carries the blooms well up and out of the foliage, a grand cut flower and exhibition variety.

Tubers \$2.00

M. H. DE YOUNG—A beautiful blossom of pure old gold with scarcely any variation in color, except perhaps the center is illuminated with a slightly brighter shade. This exceedingly attractive flower is an invaluable addition to the autumn colored Dahlias so much in demand. The large flower is held high on absolutely stiff stems, growing far out of the foliage. An excellent variety for exhibition and cut flowers.

Tubers \$3.50

MEADOW LARK—A fine large flower of a new coloring. It has shadings of buff and straw, with the reverse side of the florets darker. This larger sized flower is held high on extra long, straight stems, out from a tall plant with vigorous foliage.

Tubers \$3.50

MRS. EDWARD TAYLOR (D.)—One of the best of last season's new creations. Color a wonderful cerise, magenta shades; giant flowers on perfect stems.

Tubers \$5.00

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN (D)—Deep mulberry and rose dahlia that blooms in the limelight always, and it is a shame to sell so cheap.

Tubers \$2.50

MRS. J. J. MARSHALL (Dec)—A beauty one of the outstanding flowers of the season. A dark bronze or autumn shade, grows very large on good stem. I grew this nine inches the past season.

Tubers \$5.00

NATURE'S MASTERPIECE—Utterly different. Scored 93 exhibition at the Northeast Trial Grounds. Nature was so generous in her use of colors in this wonder creation, that, ever since it first bloomed some four years ago, we have wondered how we would describe it's peculiar but fascinating shade. Here is our feeble attempt. A most elegant, rich combination of old rose, cinnamon and metallic bronze, blended into one color, suffused with mulberry. In addition to this it's effectiveness is increased by a violet shaded reflex. A most wonderful dahlia that will soon gain a national reputation, as one of the greatest dahlias of all time. It's enormous size, great depth, wonderful coloring and strong growth with cane-like stems holding blooms perfectly erect, is unsurpassed. The petal formation is as near perfect as possible, having no sign of coarseness. Stock very limited.

Tubers \$7.50

OASIS—A delightful true pink, without any trace of yellow or lavender. A large, but not heavy flower, held on long, graceful stems. The low plants are always covered with these large attractive blossoms.

Tubers \$4.00

OLIVE REED (D)—Here we have one more nice yellow you don't want to pass up. A remarkable mammoth dahlia; great exhibition flower.

Tubers \$5.00

POP STEWART—This is a remarkable flower of great size, in the young state the flowers appear rosy pink, but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac-pink. A fine grower with a splendid stem. Scored 90 points at Trial Gardens at New Jersey.

Tubers \$4.00

PAPILLON (Boston)—A mammoth flower which is much in demand. Described as an improved George Walters, which it resembles, although decidedly different in coloring. Beautiful old rose illuminated with golden lights.

Tubers \$2.50

PRIMULA REX (D) (Broomall)—Growth vigorous, blooms immense in size with great depth, carried well on good stems, color pale yellow. One of the largest and most satisfactory exhibition varieties of 1926 introduction.

Tubers \$4.00

PRIDE OF STRATFORD—The color of this beautiful decorative dahlia is very striking being a brilliant shade of cadmium orange shading slightly to orange yellow at base of petals when fully open. Stems are long and sturdy. This immense, magnetic and radiant bloom has created the outstanding sensation of a generation in the business. The demand for bulbs of this newly introduced flower was so great that our supply of bulbs last year was totally inadequate. Orders should be entered early to insure fulfillment.

Tubers \$5.00

QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (D.)—“A flower that fulfills the dream of Dahlia lovers.” This is the way Mr. F. C. Burns described this beautiful dahlia. He is correct, as it has made good in the East and West. Winning the celebrated Samuel W. Heller prize at the San Francisco Dahlia Show in 1925 for the most meritorious dahlia in the show. At the last New York Dahlia Show it won first prize in the singles.

Tubers \$5.00

ROSE FALLON (Novelty)—One of the largest of the new Eastern introductions. A truly magnificent decorative of pleasing shades of amber, russet and salmon. The formation is perfect, and the stems are excellent. The foliage of this beautiful variety is very dark and handsome. Rose Fallon is a wonderful keeper, and lasts for days when cut. This Dahlia can easily be shown in the largest bloom class.

Tubers \$2.00

RED SOX. (Dec.)—Bright Red free bloomer and long good stems held well above foliage. Great cut flower. One of the best.

Tubers \$3.00 net

ROMAN EAGLE—A flower that is typically an autumn shade which has helped make the Dahlia “King of the Autumn Season.” Large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper, one of the most admired Dahlias in all the Eastern shows. Flowers held well above dark green foliage on long stiff stems. Medium height plant. Awarded Certificate of Merit by D. S. of New Jersey, 1925, with a score of 89.

Tubers \$3.50

ROBERT SCOTT is one of the best Decoratives in cultivation today. It has size, depth, substance and color. It is also a free bloomer. The color is much in demand for decorative purposes. It is of rich orange buff, shaded to rosy gold in the center. The flowers are of extra large size and depth and are borne on extra long, stiff stems, which hold them facing. The rich golden color, perfect form, great depth of bloom, long stiff stems and excellent keeping qualities as a cut flower entitles it to first rank as an exhibition cut flower or garden variety. If you know of a better Dahlia, we would like to see it. Robert Scott deserves a place in every garden. Could we have but one Dahlia, it would be a Robert Scott. Dr. Howe of Bronx Park Botanical Gardens said it was one grand Dahlia.

Tubers \$3.50

ROSE GLOW (Dec)—Very large flower of deepest shade of rose with silver tips. The broad petals fold back to form a flower of great depth. Does not sunburn or bleach. Stems are long, straight and stiff, carrying flower perfectly erect.

Tubers \$5.00

ROBERT TREAT (D)—American Beauty rose shade that made a lot of noise for 1925. Also a prize winner 1923 and 1924. One nice start for Bob.

Tubers \$3.50

RADIO (D.)—A 1924 sensation that held up in good shape. A very large attractive red and yellow flower with good stems. One of our best.

Tubers \$2.50

ROSE MARIE—We have grown this dahlia several years and sent it to the New Jersey trial garden in 1925, where it was awarded a certificate. We should call this an old rose in color, very large flowers held erect on very long stems. This dahlia is a very strong grower. We have a good stock and have placed the price very low.

Tubers \$2.50

SOMERSET. (Eierman).—Very, very large flower with the best of stems, and keeping qualities. General color effect salmon and old rose, sometimes a touch of lavender. Color varies somewhat according to weather conditions and age of the flower. Very healthy and vigorous grower. Winner of the Samuel W. Heller \$175.00 Memorial Prize at the 1925 California State Flower Show at Pasadena.

Tubers \$4.00

SOLE MIO—A very fine and large hybrid cactus. The color is deep yellow suffused with apricot. The flowers are held high on excellent stems, and have good substance. Plant is a strong low growing variety. It is very good for garden and exhibition purposes.

Tubers \$5.00

SAGAMORE (Dec)—The flowers of this great decorative are held rigidly upright on strong, straight stems. The charming color is "Sagamore Gold," a rich amber-gold elusively shaded toward the center, and in the depths of the large, perfectly formed blooms with a warm salmon-rose or orange-buff. One of the best cut flower varieties in the dahlia family.

Tubers \$2.00

SANTA ANNA—One of the largest and best hybrid cactus of this shade. A beautiful salmon rose suffused with gold. The plant is of medium height and a free bloomer. The flowers are held well above the dark green foliage on good stems. The petals are long and wavy which give the flowers striking form. Does very well in warm climate. The color of this new dahlia is most attractive and has won the admiration of everyone wherever shown. Fine for exhibition purposes. Won first prize for the largest dahlia at the recent California State Floral Dahlia Show. **Tubers \$5.00**

SANHICAN'S BLUEBIRD (Dec)—A fine flower for exhibiting or cutting, the bushes are covered with large flowers on good, long stiff stems, the whole season. The color is a beautiful violet blue, as near a blue dahlia as any yet introduced. **Tubers \$3.00**

SANHICAN'S MAGNET (Dec)—The color of this wonderful flower is pale amaranth face, tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on very stiff stems. The plants are of medium height, and excellent bloomers. **Tubers \$4.00**

SHANTOCK—New, Decorative, for 1927. A very nice Dahlia for garden culture, with a stem as strong as a cane and the large blossom carried right on top. In color it is a rich cerise shade with white. A Dahlia that attracted a great deal of attention the past season. **Price \$3.00**

THE TELEGRAM (Dec)—A new seedling of Mr. Marshall's that he should feel proud of. A wonderful orange yellow tipped white. Grows large on medium stems and a good bloomer. Attracted as much attention in my garden the past season as any other flower.

Tubers \$10.00

THE ORANGEADE (Dec)—A new seedling of Mr. Marshall's. Grows eight and nine inches without disbudding. A free bloomer good stem, color a beautiful orange.

Tubers \$3.00

TRENTONIAN—One of Fisher & Masson's finest originations that helped us to win a Gold Medal for the Best Collection of New Jersey Dahlias. A giant decorative dahlia of a shade that appeals and captivates, and is really symbolic of Autumn. A wonderful blending of old gold, amber, and coppery bronze, the whole forming a flower of marvelous brilliancy, with a center of reddish bronze. The stems are perfect—long, and strong, and hold the large blooms proudly erect above a very husky and handsome bush. We can recommend this variety for all purposes.

Tubers \$3.00

TOM MIX (D.)—Entirely distinct new decorative of unique coloring, a startling combination of red, yellow and white. A massively built flower, very deep as well as broad. Don't miss this one as it is very popular.

Tubers \$2.00

TOP NOTCH (Dec)—Another silver cup seedling that has stood the test. The flower opens a light primrose and as it matures bleaches; graduates to cream and white. Extra large blooms on good stems. Never comes with open center. It has been well recommended by commercial growers.

Tubers \$10.00

UNCLE TOM (D)—We first saw this Dahlia growing in a friend's garden. The nearly black color would attract any dahlia lover. Awarded Certificates of Merit by the American Dahlia Society and the Dahlia Society of New Jersey in 1925. The flowers are very large and are held erect on very long, stiff stems, looking you straight in the face. We have never seen as dark a dahlia as Uncle Tom. Stock limited.

Tubers \$5.00

VEGA (Bessie Boston)—A pronounced hybrid cactus of novel autumn coloring. The outer petals are gold, heavily suffused with pinkish brown. This is as we would describe it. According to Ridgway, it is deep chrome yellow, with outer petals overlaid with orange apricot. Flower is both big and deep, form is perfect for exhibiting. Stem is long and strong. Bush grows fairly tall with a heavy center stalk. Flowers begin early and continue in profusion the entire season. A variety which seems to have every good point, and which we are sure will give pleasure.

Tubers \$5.00

WORLD'S BEST WHITE (D)—The producer of this and many other white dahlias says this is his best white. It is a fine bloom, and has the size, stem and quality. It is a prolific bloomer.

Tubers \$3.00

WIZARD OF OZ—The color of this veritable giant of a dahlia is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, or soft salmon shades. The immense blossom is held above the foliage with a fine, upright stem. In some localities it has a slight tendency towards the cactus type. This remarkable dahlia of beautiful coloring is a valuable exhibition as well as a cut flower.

Tubers \$2.50

WINFIELD SLOCOMBE (Slocombe)—This fine decorative dahlia is a beautiful burnt orange shading to gold at the center, an alluring combination for decorative purposes under artificial light. Good stems, and in bloom from early until late.

Tubers \$2.00

ZANTE (Boston) Hybrid Cactus—Color gold, heavily suffused with apricot pink, having a center of a deeper shade. Blooms are very deep and large with rolled petals tapering to a point, held erect on stiff stems. Zante produces fine full exhibition flowers throughout the season.

Tubers \$2.50

FLAMING METOR—The Barker Dahlia Farm is responsible for this striking variety. The long straight stems and good substance of this giant decorative makes it an ideal flower. The color, which is the liveliest flame imaginable, shows to advantage in any kind of light. This beauty, a very prolific bloomer with good center, has created a sensation and proved a winner wherever shown.

\$7.50

Winnings—Times Mirror Cup for the best 50 decoratives and in collections that won best 12 decoratives and best 12 dahlias originated in California, Los Angeles, Biltmore Hotel, 1926. Best 50 dahlias one variety at the State Flower and Horticultural Exhibition Montebello, 1926. Best 25 dahlia, one variety, and best dahlia in the Show at the Monterey Park Dahlia Show 1926. Best three year old seedling sixth annual show of The Dahlia Society of Southern California, 1925.

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CACTUS AND HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS

AMETHYST SUPREME—An exceedingly finely built flower of a very delicate amethyst shade; plant medium to tell in growth. Form of this flower is exceptionally beautiful, the rounding petals having a decided incurve. The large flowers are borne on long stems, while not as stiff as a ramrod, are upright. We think this beautiful flower would do exceptionally well in localities where it would not be subject to the intense hot weather.

Plants Only \$2.50

ADA PATTERSON (H. C.)—One of the best white hybrid cactus dahlias to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of seven feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut 4 to 5 feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes.

Tubers \$5.00

AMBASSADOR (Broomall)—In evidence at every dahlia show is this fine exhibition and commercial flower of soft yellow buff shaded salmon pink. Well formed flowers, held erect above the foliage. Bush of medium height and branching habits.

Tubers \$2.00

ALICE WHITTIER (Reed) Hybrid Cactus—One of the finest primrose yellow Hybrid Cactus 5 to 6 inches deep and fully 9 inches across, on long erect stems. Plants, 6 to 7 feet tall. Awarded Certificate of Merit by the A. D. S. and D. S. of N. J.

Tubers \$5.00

BOB PLEUSE (H. C.)—The color is a deep crimson with the end of every petal on every flower for about half the length shading to a white. This dahlia was the cynosure of all eyes at the dahlia shows last year. A color not easily attained in a dahlia. All flowers on long stiff stems. Won a silver cup for best 50 blooms, all on three foot stems.

Tubers \$2.00

CHAS. STRATTON (Stratton)—A blue ribbon winner in the class for the largest bloom. Not only are the flowers large but deep and massive, keeping well when cut. Blooms early and profusely on strong erect stems. Varies from Eastern Star in form by having outer petals of the Hybrid Cactus type. Color, pale gold shaded and tipped rose red.

Tubers 2.50

ETHEL M. (H.C.)—The plant is always covered with large bloom of the most pleasing and attractive shade of glowing amaranth pink at the base of the deep perfectly quilled petals, gradually shading lighter at the tips, with white center. The color is difficult to describe; it is a shade that fascinates. The formation of the flowers is perfect, the petals are very long. This dahlia was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the American Dahlia Society's trial garden at Storr's, Conn., scoring 88 points. First prize for the best six pink cactus long stems, Boston.

Tubers \$2.00

EVA PELICANO—One of the best whites raised; very large flowers on long stiff stems, and are ideal for exhibition, at the same time equally as good grown for garden decoration.

Tubers \$2.00

EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE (*Broomall*) *Cactus*—This looks like the best yellow Cactus to date. Bush is of a fine growing habit, producing large, beautifully formed primrose yellow flowers on long, slender erect stems. A real exhibition dahlia with wonderful keeping qualities. Form similar to illustration of Ambassador.

Tubers \$5.00

EDNA FERBER (F. & M.) *Hybrid Cactus*—The extreme size and beauty of this flower attracts attention wherever shown. The petals are curled and twisted, forming an extremely full flower held erect on fine stems. Color, glistening coral, shading to old gold at base of petals. Growth medium to tall with dark green foliage. Awarded D. S. of N. J. Certificate of Merit, 1925. Form similar to illustration of Sunkiss.

Tubers \$7.50

EMMA MARIE—A favorite Hybrid Cactus, because of its pleasing shade of clear pink with a creamy white center and its combination of exhibition and commercial qualities. The deep full centered blooms averaging 8 inches, on very long stems.

Tubers \$3.50

FARNCOT (C.)—This variety received a certificate at Storrs, Conn. Trial Garden in 1924, scoring 86 points, and won first prize at the New York show in 1926. We have never grown any dahlia that will out-bloom this one. We counted over fifty bloom and buds showing color on one plant last season and they will keep for days and days after cutting. The color is aster purple, with a majority of the blossoms tipped white. The stems are perfect with flower carried on top. Stock limited.

Tubers \$2.00

GLORY OF SUNRISE TRAIL (*Babylon*)—Maise yellow edged violet; giant flower. Splendid stem. A seedling of the famous Sunkiss. Will be one of the best sellers.

Tubers \$2.00

IAN (*Boston*)—*Cactus*—A giant of the incurved English type with heavier petals. Unusual coloring and exceptionally good form. Very clear yellow flower, gradually shading to pink on the outer petals. The reverse of these petals a golden suffusion. Flowers occasionally show a white tipping. Blooms freely on good stems, making it very desirable for cutting and exhibiting.

Tubers \$4.00

LUCKY STRIKE (*New 1927*)—A very large pure white hybrid cactus with exceptionally long stiff stems. The plant is a tall and vigorous grower and flowers are held high above the foliage. Flowers of 12 inches in diameter are common. It is a very attractive dahlia, and fine for exhibition purposes.

Tubers \$5.00

PHYLLIS TUCKER (*Bessie Boston*)—A very large, well formed flower of incurved formation, a true bright pink. The base of the petals is cream pink. A very long, leafless stem, holds the flower right on the top. Lasts excellently when cut. Grows tall and luxuriantly. Foliage is very dark green. Starts blooming the last week in August and produces freely until frost. Center is always closed and flowers never lose their size and stems always remain stiff.

Tubers \$7.50

SISKIYOU (H. C.)—This dahlia has most always walked off with the prize for the largest flower in the show. Flowers are held erect on very strong stems. The color is pink, tinged mauve. The flowers are enormous in size. Stock limited.

Tubers 2.00

SNOWDRIFT (D)—Pure white, full deep built flower with broad petals, low bush. One of the best white decoratives.

Tubers 75 cents

Dahlia Bargains

Owing to the large number of our new originalizations and limited space we will have to plant, this year, we are compelled to reduce the number of varieties that we will have space for. To move them quickly we are putting a very low price on them. If there is anything you want in this list, order at once as they won't last long at these prices, which are net to all. Orders accepted subject to stock being sold when received. If stock is sold money will be returned.

PRICE \$1.00 EACH OR \$9.00 A DOZEN

**THEY ARE ALL DECORATIVE DAHLIAS
EXCEPT WHERE NOTED**

The descriptions given are short because every variety in this section has been described in full in a number of catalogs. However, this list includes the Dahlias that have weathered the storms of fiercest competition without displacement and therefore we might say they are the really great Dahlias.

AMUN RA (Seal)—Described as resembling a setting sun. Flowers 10 inches. Outer petals are a gorgeous shade of copper and orange shading to gold and amber and deepening in the center to a reddish bronze.

AUTUMN GEM (Decorative)—This variety is offered as one of our best garden varieties for cutting, a better one to replace "King of the Autumn." Color is rich burnished gold shading to a reddish bronze center. Flowers are produced in great quantity on upright stems.

AUTUMN QUEEN (Fisher & Masson)—We have in this variety real commercial qualities, substance, size, and floriferousness. The petals curl just enough to make the flower artistic. Color deep peach to amber.

ALEX WALDIE—Creamy ground overlaid and flushed delicate pink.

BASHFUL GIANT (Marean)—Well named for it is a flower of unusual size and although held on a strong stem faces partially downward. Color apricot with golden suffusion and shadings.

CINDERELLA (Boston)—This sturdy variety produces fine well formed blooms on erect stems. Pale salmon or fawn pink shading to tan at the center.

CHEMAR'S IDEAL (Decorative)—A wonderful seedling from Judge Marean. With its riot of colors shading from iridescent orange pure gold, salmon pink to bright rose, all blending together to make a wonderful flower. In the early part of the season the colors are very pronounced; they get lighter as the season advances. The plant is a dwarf grower, never needs staking and the plants are covered with 7 to 8 inch flowers all season; the stems are about the size of a lead pencil, as stiff as iron, and from three to four feet long and they hold the flowers as they should be held. Extra large stock.

DADDY BUTLER (Boston)—One of the best for exhibition. A profuse bloomer and good keeper on perfect stems. Color, rosy carmine, reverse of petals lighter.

DAKOTA (Marean)—A good exhibition variety. Color a deep tone of rich coral-red with coppery suffusion. This strong growing variety is very satisfactory.

DR. TEVIS (Tevis)—A very attractive and popular dahlia. Color, bronzy old gold, shaded and suffused violet rose. Fine for exhibition, and a dahlia of real merit.

EARLE WILLIAMS (Doolittle)—An immense scarlet, tipped white; deep, regularly formed blossom, borne on a fine stem. An exceptionally fine variety of most brilliant coloring. Prize winner.

FRANCIS LOBDELL (Waite)—Flowers large and of perfect form, mallow pink shading to white in the center. Wonderful free bloomer, splendid bedding variety, as well as exhibition.

GIANT RUBY (Greinberg)—Bright scarlet is always showy, and makes this dahlia attractive. A tall grower, flowers medium large on erect stems.

HALVELLA (McWhirter)—A massive dahlia on long stiff stem, with good cutting and exhibition qualities. Flowers are a beautiful shade of rose pink, similar to Jersey's Beauty. Profuse bloomer.

JERSEY'S BEAUTY (D) (Waite)—Soft clear pink, medium to large, excellent stem, free bloomer and good keeper. Very popular.

JERSEY'S SOVEREIGN (Waite)—Similar in form to Jersey's Beauty, but of a more compact growth. Flowers well formed on stems. Color, salmon orange.

JEAN CHAZOT (Cayeaux)—Flowers of graceful formation. Color orange suffused gold, frequently tipped golden yellow. The tall branching bushes hold the large blooms gracefully on straight stems.

KITTIE DUNLAP (Boston)—A dahlia very similar to Mrs I. de Ver Warner in color and size, but differing in form. A good keeper on fine stems. Color, an American Beauty shade.

LOLITA VELASCO (Boston)—One of the most perfect white cactus dahlias. Petals are extremely long and straight. Flowers of immense size. Stem is long and stiff. Not an overly profuse where it would not be subject to the intense hot weather.

LADY ELIZABETH (Boston)—A distinct and unusual Hybrid Cactus, resembling the plume variety of chrysanthemum. Color a creamy yellow overlaid with bronzy-rose, deepening at center. The tips of quilled petals are split, giving the flower a very shaggy appearance growth. Free-flowering and a decided novelty.

MEPHISTOPHELES (Marean)—Although not a profuse bloomer this variety produces large perfectly formed flowers on rigid stems. Color, rich carmine slightly yellow tipped.

MacGREGOR—Hybrid Cactus. This is one of the "Mastick" dahlias. A lovely nopal or soft red, with the base of the petals lemon yellow. These beautiful flowers are large and full and carried on long and upright stems and keep well when cut.

MRS. EDNA SPENCER (Spencer)—This popular dahlia for shipping and keeping qualities is one of the very best. Flowers produced profusely on erect stems. Color, pale lilac, shading lighter at center.

MRS. CARL SALBACH (Salbach)—Although not as deep as Jersey's Beauty, this dahlia is very similar in petal formation, stem, and keeping qualities, all of which are ideal. Color, lilac rose shading to white at base of petals, giving it a general tone of soft rose.

MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Marean)—No first class collection of dahlias should be without this wonderful variety which is a universal favorite. Color, a clear, bright lilac rose. The plant is a strong, open grower and the giant flowers can be produced on stems up to five feet in length by pruning and disbudding.

MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS (Marean)—Seen often on the exhibition table as this dahlia has size and good stems. Color, canary yellow with a pink suffusion on the outer petals.

PORTHOS (Wouters)—A beautiful formed lavender blue decorative. The nearest to a blue dahlia and still a pleasant shade. Flowers well formed, medium large, and on wiry erect stems.

ROSA NELL (Broomeall)—This extremely large exhibition dahlia is held on long erect stems and is one of the best. Color, commonly described as a bright rose, but really a bright Tyrian rose. Can be grown over 10 inches in diameter. Petals long and notched.

SHUDOW'S LAVENDER (Boston)—Silvery lavender with white shadings, of beautiful formation. Plants are tall and robust, producing immense flowers on long stems. A general favorite.

SUSAN G. TREVIS (D)—This decorative has a distinctive new color tone, best described as a deep shade of lilac with a bluish sheen. The blossoms are regularly formed of narrow, flat, pointed petals. It is a very large, graceful bloom of fine depth. Splendid stem.

SNOWDRIFT (Broomeall)—Giant, pure-white deep flower with broad waxy petals. Has a good stem by pruning and disbudding. Fine for exhibition and garden.

THE GRIZZLY (Burns)—One of the most popular dark red decorative grown. A giant exhibition variety. A prize winning novelty with long reflex petals. Color, velvety crimson maroon.

THE U. S. A. (Stillman)—Resembling Vineland in general form and size, although the centers run open after the first few blooms, which places it in the peony class. Petals artistically twisted and curled. Color a vivid orange.

For Five Dollars we will send you 12 Dahlias, all properly labeled, no two alike. Would cost you Eight Dollars if purchased separately. We guarantee each collection will have at least one Tuber of \$2.50 retail value.

For Ten Dollars we will send you 12 Tubers having a retail value of Eighteen Dollars, each properly labeled, and listed in this catalog. Each collection guaranteed to contain at least two Dahlias having a retail value of \$3.00 each.

POMPOMS

Flowers very small and of the show type on good stems for cutting; they are splendid for bouquets and table decorations. Very free flowering. They are all priced at 35 cents each or \$3.00 a dozen.

AMBER QUEEN—Rich, clear amber shaded apricot.

ANNIE DONCASTER—Yellow base suffused pearly pink.

BOBBY—Plum color. Very pretty.

ERNEST HARPER—Coral red. Fine.

FASHION—Fine.

GANMEDE—Fawn pink. Very fine.

GRAUS AU WEIN—Crushed strawberry.

KLEIN-DOMITEA—Clear delicate buff color shading lighter around outside edge.

LITTLE HERMAN—Deep red tipped white.

MADELINE—Pale primrose edged with rose purple. Free flowering.

ACHILLES—Lavender pink.

ALEWINE—White ground, flushed lavender.

BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD—Red; very small.

CATHERINE—Clear yellow.

DARKSOME—Deep maroon.

FASCINATION—Fawn pink.

GLORIA—Pink and maroon.

LITTLE BEAUTY—Shrimp pink.

LITTLE DOROTHY—Buff and white.

LITTLE BESSIE—Creamy white.

LITTLE JACKET—Maroon and white.

NEMESIS—Maroon and white.

SAN TOY—White tipped carmine.

SNOWBIRD—White.

SUNBEAM—Bright crimson scarlet.

VIVID—Orange scarlet.

GLADIOLUS

There are no other Summer flowering bulbs so satisfactory, needing so little attention and thriving so well in almost any ordinary soil as the Gladiolus. Set the bulbs from 3 to 6 inches apart in rows, or for massing 6 inches apart, and about 4 inches deep. Prices are based on 1st size bulbs, 1½ up. 20% less F.O.B.

FOREWORD

Those who have grown gladiolus before need no eulogy of this beautiful flower to ensure them growing gladiolus again. But to those who have never grown any of the newer varieties, I want to say a few words. The modern gladiolus is absolutely the finest all 'round garden flower in existence. They begin to bloom about two months after they are planted and can be had in bloom all the rest of the season till hard frosts finish them. The variety of colors is infinite, white, pink, almon, yellow, orange, blue, purple lavender, red and endless combinations and shadings of all these various colors. The purposes for which they can be used are also endless, from the dainty primulinus for the bud vase to bridal bouquets, funeral sprays and set pieces, all kinds of decorations and landscape plantings.

Their culture is about the easiest of all flowers. They will grow in any good garden soil where other plants grow but do not like shade and should not be put too close to bushes and trees where the fine roots of the later would sap all the moisture from the ground. Plant in rows with the bulbs four to six inches deep and six inches or so apart; keep them cultivated well and you will have worlds of pleasure when they bloom provided you get good varieties such as listed in this catalogue, and good healthy bulbs.

GUARANTEE

Every bulb is guaranteed to be true to name and healthy. We are all human and so subject to mistakes and occasionally a bulb gets by that is not right. But in that case tell us and we will adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction. In fact **we guarantee satisfaction.**

We are not only trying to sell bulbs but also to make steady customers.

ABOUT SIZES

Commercially the gladiolus is divided into six sizes: No. 1 is over 1½ inches in diameter; No. 2 is 1¼-1½; No. 3 is 1-1¼; No. 4 is ¾-1; No. 5 is ½-¾; No. 6 is below ½ inch. For retail trade Nos. 1 and 2 are called large by most growers and No. 3 medium. These are our sizes. But a few growers call No. 3 large and Nos. 4 and 5 medium. Such growers can make very low prices. Be sure what size the grower is offering for the money.

ABOUT PRICES

There seems to be no standard price on gladiolus bulbs. Every grower has a price of his own. Some are too low to make a profit for the grower and there are all kinds of prices in between. We try to list our varieties at as near the average price as possible and as reasonable as we can for the particular variety, and still give good quality.

KUNDERDI RUFFLED VARIETIES

The following include some of the best varieties introduced by A. E. Kunderd in the ruffled petal type. The flowers and spikes are unusually large, and are extensively grown for exhibition purposes.

		Each	Doz.	100
E. J. Shaylor.	Beautiful, deep rose pink; tall plant and large flowers	\$0.10	\$1.00	\$ 6.00
Kunderdi Glory.	Creamy apricot with light tint of pink and red on the lower petals	.15	1.25	8.00
Marie Kunderd.	Pure white, with almost invisible lines of soft pink in center of petals	.40	5.00	25.00
Mona Lisa.	Palest rose-pink or blushed white. A gorgeous flower	.20	2.00	12.00
Mrs. H. E. Bothin.	Flesh salmon-pink, flame scarlet center. Beautiful combination of color	.35	3.50	25.00
Orange Glory.	Grand orange colored with beautiful lighter throat; ruffled	.15	1.50	10.00
Pride of Goshen.	A very large salmon or fresh pink. Exceptionally tall spike	.15	1.25	8.00
Purple Glory.	Velvet maroon. Large ruffled flowers; extra fine spike	.30	3.00	20.00
Rose Precose.	A beautiful salmon-rose, slightly ruffled. Tall straight spike	.35	3.25	25.00
White Glory.	A gorgeous pure white, with beautiful Iris-blue throat; ruffed	.20	2.00	15.00
Youell's Favorite.	Striking rosy lavender-pink; large and beautiful ruffled flower	.20	2.00	15.00

Our selection of varieties has been made from many and includes all those of exceptional merit and a wide range of colors.

BLUE AND PURPLE SHADES

		Each	Doz.	100
Anna Eberius.	Dark velvety purple, pansy-purple blotch in the throat	\$0.15	\$1.50	\$10.00
Baron Hulot.	A fine violet-blue	.15	1.25	9.00
Blue Jay (True).	Bright light blue, with white shadings	.25	2.50	16.00
Dixie.	Very dark, almost black	.55	3.50	25.00
Duchess of York.	The best blue, large flower well placed on long stems	.50	5.00	35.00
Herada.	Pure mauve with deeper markings on throat	.10	1.00	7.00
Kirchoff's Violet.	Violet, slightly veined white	.20	2.00	12.00
Mary Fennel.	A deep lavender, lower petals penciled primrose-yellow on pale lavender ground	.20	2.00	12.00
Mr. Mark.	Light blue with darker throat; robust grower	.20	2.00	12.00
Rev. Ewbank.	A fine porcelain blue	.25	2.50	16.00
Rosa Lindt.	A beautiful violet shade	.25	2.50	17.00
Viola.	Mauve blue, gradually shading to rich violet, throat toned soft canary with purple blotch in lower petals	.20	2.00	12.00

PINK SHADES

America.	Large flower, beautiful flesh pink	.05	.50	3.50
Arlene.	Pale rose-pink, shading in the throat to a pale flesh-pink, with deep crimson base	2.50	25.00	—
Ashes of Roses (Rose Ash).	Corinthian red, fading to ashes of roses on the outer edges. Flowers well set on a very large, tall spike	.20	2.00	15.00
Arizona Rose.	A charming shade of light old rose	.15	1.50	10.00
Byron L. Smith.	Lavender pink on white ground	.55	3.50	25.00
Cameo Pink.	Dark coral, salmon throat, lower petals yellow	.60	6.00	45.00
Desdemone.	Rose striped violet, edged white	.60	6.00	45.00
Fay Lamphier.	Coral with cerise blending	.80	8.00	60.00
Evelyn Kirtland.	Rose-pink, darker at the edges and fading to shell-pink in center	.15	1.25	8.00
Gretchen Zang.	Pink, blending into scarlet on lower petals	.15	1.25	8.00
Halley.	A very attractive delicate salmon-pink	.10	.70	5.00
Ida Van.	A beautiful deep salmon-red or flaming orange pink	.10	1.00	7.00
La Couronne.	Creamy white with throat blotched with dark maroon, bordered with pale yellow	.30	3.00	20.00
Loveliness.	A beautiful cream colored variety	.15	1.25	9.00
Le Marechal Foch.	Pure pink of immense size	.10	.75	5.00
Mrs. Dr. Norton.	Pale pink, with primrose center, yellow blotch on lower petals	.15	1.25	8.00
Mrs. Frank Pendleton.	The flowers are very large, of lovely flushed salmon-pink, with brilliant carmine blotches in the throat	.10	1.00	6.00

GLADIOLUS, PINK SHADES—Continued

Panama.	Large, wax-like flower, clear pink, large spike	.10	.75	5.00
Pink Perfection.	Bright pink. Very large flower	.15	1.25	8.00
	Each	Doz.	100	
Pink Wonder.	A beautiful pink slightly lighter than Panama	\$0.25	\$2.50	\$16.00
Prince of Wales.	Beautiful light salmon with orange shade	.10	1.00	7.00
Summer Beauty.	Very choice deep salmon, distinct shade	.15	1.50	9.00
Wilbrink.	Flesh pink, creamy blotch on lower petals	.10	1.00	7.00
Twotint.	A delicate flesh-pink shaded white and tinted yellow inside with large, salmon-tinted scarlet blotches	.20	2.00	14.00

RED AND SCARLET SHADES

Crimson Glow.	A perfect scarlet of a deep tone on a tall spike	.15	1.25	8.00
Diana.	A beautiful flower of a rich crimson; large spike	.30	3.00	20.00
Early Sunrise.	A very large red, shaded orange. Early flowering	.20	1.75	12.00
Fire King.	Long, graceful spikes of intense fire scarlet flowers	.10	1.00	6.50
Flaming Sword.	A very early soft red flower; open six or more together	.35	3.50	25.00
Pythia.	Scarlet with blotch of purple	.80	8.00	60.00
Mrs. Francis King.	Light scarlet of pleasing shade; long spikes, one of the best	.10	.75	5.00
Red Canna.	An exceptionally fine, deep scarlet	.15	1.50	10.00
Red Emperor.	A very large, deep scarlet of immense size	.20	2.00	12.00
Scarlet Princeps.	Large spike of massive crimson-scarlet flowers	.20	2.00	10.00

WHITE SHADES

Elora.	Creamy white overlaid with pink	.20	2.00	12.00
Joerg's White.	The largest white. Stems average 3 feet	2.00	20.00	—
Lily White.	A fine snow-white of good height and large flower	.15	1.50	10.00
L'Inmaculee.	A beautiful pure white, very tall grower	.15	1.25	8.00
Mary Pickford.	A delicate creamy white. Throat finest sulphur-yellow	.20	2.00	12.00
Peace.	The flowers are large, white with a pale lilac feathering on the interior petals	.10	.70	5.00
White America.	Clear white with a slight mark of blue in the throat	.10	1.00	6.00
White City.	Very large, almost pure white flowers, spikes 5 ft. tall. A grand variety	.15	1.50	10.00

YELLOW SHADES

Canary Bird.	Fine yellow, extra good	.20	1.75	12.00
Flora.	One of the best yellows. Pale corn-yellow with delicate lines on lower petals	.15	1.25	9.00
Gold.	A very fine pure yellow	.25	2.75	15.00
Flowerfield Gem.	Light yellow with crimson blotch	.20	2.00	12.00
Gold Measure.	A magnificent yellow. Very large open flowers; immense spike	.20	2.00	15.00
Niagara.	Cream with lower petals blending to yellow; throat splashed carmine	.10	1.00	6.00
Schwaben.	Delicate, pale yellow, dark blotch in center	.10	.70	5.00
Sulphur King.	Deep, pure yellow. The best of its color	.15	1.50	10.00
Yellow Hammer.	Pure yellow, with a small red mark in the throat	.15	1.25	8.00

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

This race of Gladiolus has come to be extremely popular; they are easy to grow, beautiful for decorations; the colors are very artistic and embrace shades of yellow, pink and scarlet.	Each	Doz.	100	
Alice Tiplady.	Large, beautiful orange-saffron color	\$0.10	\$1.00	\$ 7.00
Dorothy Wheeler.	Rose-pink with lighter throat. Very large	.15	1.50	10.00
Jewell.	Salmon-pink with golden throat. Tall, erect	.15	1.25	9.00
Joerg's Yellow Prim.	A new and distinct Primulinus. A flower spike 5 ft. high, carrying 12 to 18 large pure yellow flowers. Flowers large and wide open	2.50	25.00	—

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS—Continued

Maiden's Blush.	Enchantress pink. Well-shaped flowers on long, strong stems	.10	1.00	6.00
Ming Toy.	Large flower of finest form, showy deep buff, yellow throat	.30	3.00	20.00
Myra.	Deep salmon over yellow ground, yellow throat with pink lines. Tall, slender stem	.15	1.25	7.00
Orange Brilliant.	Brilliant orange	.10	1.00	6.00
Orange Queen.	Large flowers, orange yellow, tinted apricot. A grand variety	.35	3.50	25.00
Phantasy.	Salmon-pink with coral margin. Two lower petals are pale yellow, edged pink, with crimson veined throat	.35	3.50	26.00
Salmon Beauty.	Deep salmon with rich salmon-yellow throat	.15	1.25	7.00
Souvenir.	A superb large flowering deep yellow	.15	1.25	8.00
Sunbeam.	A beautiful pure yellow. Good forcer	.10	1.00	7.00
No order for Gladiolus accepted after April 1st—or for less than \$3.00.				

Prices include postage.

Six at dozen rates. 25 at hundred rates.
All orders shipped April 20th.

New California Giant Asters

These new Asters are unquestionably one of the finest strains in existence. The stock we are offering this year has been brot to a higher state of perfection than ever. The seed is all hand-picked from the finest blooms only and is bound to give you 100 percent results. These Asters are truly a "bread and butter" strain for the florist who grows for the cut flower market. They are entirely unlike any other strain in the sense that they do not crop, the flowers maturing more or less in succession which gives the grower a long cutting period. The blossoms on well grown plants attain a diameter of from 5 to 6 inches. There are no lateral florets; the entire sap flow is carried to the individual flower at the apex of the stems, which eliminates the expensive opera-tion of disbudding in order to obtain size. We have had thousands of commendatory letters from all parts of the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia, from customers who have grown them. We have been years perfecting this strain and this year it is better than ever. Plant them alongside of Asters from any other source—we leave the verdict with you.

GIANT PEONY-FLOWERED PEACH BLOSSOM—A superb incurved Aster with flowers of enormous size, borne singly on stems 20 to 24 inches long

GIANT PEONY-FLOWERED LIGHT BLUE—A magnificent shade of pure rich ligght blue. Blossoms 4½ to 5 inches in diameter. Like the foregoing, a splendid keeper, excellent for shipping purposes.

pkt \$1.00

CURLED AND INTERLACED PURE WHITE—This Aster is the result of several years' work to complete the color series of our Giant strain. We had all colors excepting white and the ad-dition of this superb Aster completes the color series in a strain of Asters which we believe is second to none in the world to-day. The huge fluffy blossoms resemble Chrysanthemums more than Asters. The plants have the same non-lateral branching stem characteristic of others of this race.

LIGHT BLUE (CURLED AND INTERLACED)—A replica of the above in size, shape and other particulars, but a delight-ful shade of rich bright blue. A color that sells at sight.

PEACH BLOSSOM (CURLED OR INTERLACED)—A simply magnificent type of Aster with curled, twisted and interlaced petals after the style of the most ultra-refined Comet type. Blossoms simply enormous as to size, 6-inch flowers being quite common. Borne on long non-lateral branching stems 2 to 2½ feet in length.

PURPLE (CURLED AND INTERLACED)—In color a true Elks' purple with flowers of magnificent size and substance. A wonderful keeper and a good shipper.

ROSE (CURLED AND INTERLACED)—A lovely shade of pure even rose. Blossoms of wonderful size with splendid stems. Has the same non-lateral character as all others of our strain. A bread and butter variety for florists' work.

Seeds from any of the above named Giants \$.100 per package of 100 Seeds; ½ oz., \$2.75; 1 oz., \$5.00.

ZINNIAS

The most gorgeous annuals with a wonderful range of color. Extremely double flowers with long stems and good keeping qualities, make this old-fashioned flower a joy in the garden. If you plant but one annual plant this. May be taken up when in full bloom and transplanted without any visible effect.

California Giant 3 to 4 feet.

They are larger than Colossal and a cross between them and the Dahlia Flowered types. They have smaller flat centers with more loosely placed petals. The petals are decidedly imbricated and the flower from bud to full bloom presents a graceful appearance.

LEMON QUEEN—The petals are light canary on the upper and cerise on the lower side, the two shades blending as the flower develops. It is the only Zinnia with fragrance.

ORANGE KING—Similar in color to the Calendula of the same name.

ORANGE QUEEN—Lighter than Orange King.

PURITY—A clean, pure white.

ROSE QUEEN—This flower opens first as bright rose with a deep rose-red center and gradually develops into a warm deep rose when in full bloom.

California Giants Mixed 50 seeds 50c

Any of the above 50 seeds 50 cents; 100 seeds \$1.00.

Colossal or Giant Flowered 5 feet

The flowers are of enormous size, thickly set with velvety petals. The plants are healthy, vigorous, branching freely, and make excellent material for groups or cutting.

White	Rose Queen. Tyrian Rose with deep rose-red center
Cream	Golden Yellow
Buttercup. Deep Primrose	Orange
Apricot Yellow	Burnt Orange
Flesh Color	Crimson
Salmon Shades	Scarlet
Shrimp Pink	Violet
Pink Shades	Purple
Rose King. A new color.	

Any of the above 50 seeds 25c; 100 seeds 50c.

Colossal Zinnias, mixed, oz. \$1.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 50c; 50 seeds 25c.

Giant Dahlia Flowered 3 to 4 ft.

In formation the broad petals are closely imbricated, sometimes seeming almost to be piled one upon the other. The flowers often measure 4 inches in depth and 6 to 8 inches in diameter. In general appearance the flowers compare with the Show Dahlias.

ILLUMINATION—Similar to Exquisite but a striking self-color of deep rose (Tyrian rose).

CANARY BIRD—A delicate shade of primrose—very large and holds its color well until out of bloom.

BUTTERCUP—An immense deep creamy yellow. A very desirable flower, which should be included in every collection.

CRIMSON MONARCH—Rich crimson. By far the largest and best of red shades. Flowers often eight inches in diameter.

DREAM—A fine, deep lavender, turning to purple (Mallow Purple).

EXQUISITE—By far the most pleasing of our collection. Color light rose with center a deep rose. (Tyrian Rose).

GOLDEN STATE—A very rich orange-yellow (Cadmium) Yellow in the bud turning to an attractive orange when in full blossom.

OLD ROSE—This is adequately described by its name, as it is of the real old roses shade; it is large, and for charm and beauty we consider it ranks next to Exquisite.

ORIOLE—It is an immense orange and gold bi-color, changing slightly as it ages, but at all times worthy of the beautiful bird for which it is named.

POLAR BEAR—A very large, pure white, the best white yet seen in Zinnias. True Dahlia form.

SCARLET FLAME—A large, beautiful, bright scarlet, with a delightful blending of orange throughout the petal. This is not a bicolor.

DAHLIA FLOWERED MIXED—Any of the above 50 seeds \$1.00; 100 seeds \$1.50; 200 seeds \$2.00.

Giant Double Quilled Achievement

The petals are partially tubular or quilled giving the flower somewhat the appearance of a cactus dahlia and displaying a rich variety of colors mostly of the warmer shades, such as salmon, old rose, deep rose, lilac, bronze and dark red tones. On the reverse side of the petals are light or dark lilac, making a wonderful combination of colors. The plants are of strong, robust growth and produce an abundance of very large, double flowers often 5 inches in diameter.

50 Seeds \$1.00

Chemar's Matchless Delphinium

There is no other Summer flowering plant that is enjoying so great popularity as that of the Delphinium. Their adaptability to garden decoration or to use as cut flowers during the Summer and early Autumn is surpassed by no other flower. They are not only showy in the garden but when cut, will last for 10 days in the house. They thrive in almost any good garden soil but better results may be had if soil is well prepared and enriched with some of our pulverized manures. Great improvements have been made in the size, color and beauty of these flowers. Our list comprises the best of recent introductions as well as the most popular of the earlier introductions.

Mr. WATKINS SAMUEL—A glistening, semi-double, all clear light blue with a black bee; the florets set thickly on a perfectly shaped flower stalk.

LAVENDER QUEEN (Wrexham)—A lovely double all pure lavender; some of its outer flower petals are tipped, and some suffused with a delicate turquoise blue; a lovely creation.

LADY OF WREXHAM (New) A magnificent, very clear single blue with a conspicuous black bee and a wonderful "Church-steeple" stalk.

WREXHAM LAD—A large single deep blue with a faint touch of lavender on two of its five petals; prominent black bee. A strong "phlox" like grower. Makes a stunning effect.

WREXHAM PURPLE—A single, rich all deep purple arranged loosely on a perfect flower stalk; prominent brown bee.

Wrexham Hollyhock Delphiniums

A new race with massive, tapering, spiral-like spikes of enormous length with individual flowers of new dimensions, indescribably rich and varied tints; the palette hardly knows its range of tones, so subtle is each nuance. Each plant is a vision of beauty that moves us to silent rapture. Truly masterly achievements.

Six Superb Hardy Giant Wrexhams or Hollyhock Delphiniums

COQUETTE—Massive, tapering spiral spikes from 5 to 6 feet in height, heliotrope and Venetian blue.....*pkt \$3.00*

QUEEN MAUVE—An exceptionally lovely eyeless pale silvery mauve, 3 feet of solid flowers, wide at base and tapering to the top; truly exquisite, 6 feet.....*pkt \$4.00*

MONARCH OF WALES—Gigantic towering spiral spikes of deep blue and mauve, 6 feet.....**pkt \$4.00**

THE BISHOP—Rich, gentian blue with white eye; a statuesque beauty, 5 feet.....**pkt \$4.00**

VIOLET QUEEN—A charming blend of violet and reddish mauve; long tapering spikes of colossal size, 6 feet.....**pkt \$3.00**

WEMPTY—Pale blue and mauve; a fine spiral spike carrying at least three feet of solid bloom, exceedingly strong, robust growth. 5 to 6 feet.....**pkt \$6.00**

Collection B—of Giant Wrexhams—1 pkt each 6 varieties above, **\$21.00.**

WREXHAM LASS—The superb double florets loosely arranged around a perfect spiral stalk; the 5 outside petals a lovely clear blue, the 6 or 7 inside petals soft mauve suffused with blue at their base; bee black, lying flat against the flower petals. We consider this the finest and handsomest variety we have of the Wrexham strain.

WREXHAM KING—Kingly, indeed; its 4-foot flower stalk is studded with huge 3-inch petals, single dark blue florets; a not too prominent bee. The variety is a gem.

WREXHAM GIANT—We have added another named variety to our collection of Mr. Watkins Samuel's Wrexham seedlings. An immense 5-petal single, deep clear-blue with a conspicuous black bee; a heavy solid flower stalk.

Seeds from any of the above named hybrids, per package containing 100 seeds \$2.00; all 8 varieties \$10.00.

Having been requested by many customers to make a mixture of all our best varieties, we have concluded to mix a few ounces of all the above; this should give you something extraordinary.

Best named Mixture Wrexham, per pkt of 200 seeds \$2.00.

A fine Mixture of Splendid Wrexham Hybrids, the seeds coming from many hundred different varieties, all good. **Per pkt of 200 seeds \$1.00; 1-16 oz., \$2.00; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz., \$3.00; 1 oz., \$15.00.**

DELPHINIUM PLANTS

Strong, pot-grown plants of Delphiniums grown from Wrexham, Advancement and clury strains. These plants will flower from August until frost and give you wonderful spikes of bloom 3 to 4 feet in height, and will make large clumps for the following year. **\$5.00 per dozen; \$35.00 per 100.** No order accepted for less than one dozen or later than March 1st.

Super Wrexham's For 1928

The last word in delphinium, apart from size, the flower spikes are the acme of refinement

ADVANCEMENT (the Super Wrexham)—Carrying enormous; spikes of 5 to 6 feet of actual flowers and buds, nearly ten inches wide at base; clear electric blue with pale mauve center. 7 to 8 feet. **pkt \$10.00**

CLEVE GRAVES—Rich porcelain blue on long tapering spikes of imposing stature. 5 feet. **pkt \$7.50**

NORA PHILLIPS—A gorgeous effect of deep blue and purple florets on tapering spikes. 6 feet in length—4½ feet of solid bloom. A milestone in the evolution of Delphiniums. **pkt \$7.50**

Collection C—of the Three Super Wrexhams—1 pkt each of 3 varieties above, \$23.00.

GLORY OF PUGET SOUND—A thing of beauty of tall, vigorous growth. The double florets seem to be overlaid with a glistening silvery sheen; the outer row of 5 petals is of a beautiful clear blue; the inner row of 7 petals a clear mauve, beautifully frilled; the small bee is of light brown; the florets are over 2 inches in diameter, larger than a silver dollar.

Seeds, per package of fully 100 seeds, 50c

GLORY OF THE VALLEY—A beautiful color combination of light blue and silvery mauve, the sky-blue of the 5 outer petals often suffusing into the mauve of the 7 inner petals, making an exquisite color combination; the bee is small but prominent on account of its snowy whiteness. A three-year-old plant producing often 20 or more 7-foot tall, strong but graceful flower stalks with an unusual large number of lateral spikes or side shoots.

Seeds, per package of 100 seeds, 50c

THE BLUE GLORY—A glorious flower, indeed it is; a double clear, all deep blue, and no better name could be given it.

Seeds at 50c per package of 100 Seeds

THE BLUE BIRD GLORY—A new hybrid seedling. Can you imagine in your mind's eye a perfectly shaped large double flower, of an all "blue-bird" blue—if you have seen that heavenly flash of blue along a country road, you will know the glorious effect of that blue in your garden; a small white bee.

Seeds per pack of 50 seeds, \$1.00

PUDOR'S GLORY OF THE SKY—Like a clear turquoise summer sky; very large and double without any other trace of color; very inconspicuous bee. A very limited amount of seeds this year at **3c each**; not less than 25 seeds sold.



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